



## Nursery Newsletter- Christmas Addition 2022

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that it is nearly Christmas and our Autumn Term has come to an end. We have had a wonderful few weeks and are feeling very festive indeed. We must say how proud we were of our 'Little Stars' during their first ever Nativity show; they really were amazing during all of the rehearsals and the show and they sang and danced beautifully.



The children have decorated our class Christmas tree and enjoyed their visit to the Festive Fair organised by FORS. On our small world table they have enjoyed playing with the snowy village and our home corner has been lit up with fairy lights and decorated ready for Christmas. We have been busy making Christmas cards and the Nursery is awash with glitter! We thoroughly enjoyed our special Polar Express themed day; the children looked very cute and snuggly in their pyjamas and had a lovely day exploring all that was on offer; from ice painting to sparkly white playdough. We even enjoyed a special treat of popcorn and hot chocolate in the afternoon.







## Forest School

A Huge congratulations must now be extended to Mrs Lydia who has now passed her Forest School Leadership exam. We are very proud of her! The children had the most amazing time today in the winter wonderland of Wimbledon Common.



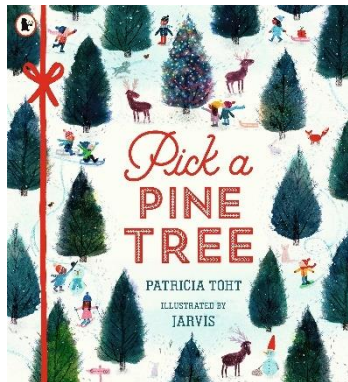
**Literacy and mathematics:** Our curiosity cottage was filled with a nativity scene and the children really enjoyed looking at the figures and retelling the story from their show. We have been discussing the countdown to Christmas using an online advent calendar, extending their counting skills and recognising numbers beyond 10. We have also been discussing length and making comparisons in size, when creating our beautiful handmade Christmas cards. The children did so well at ordering the paper straws from longest to shortest and were so proud of the results. Some of the children have also enjoyed playing with the small world frogs and lily pads; 'jumping' the correct number of frogs on to the corresponding lily pad.





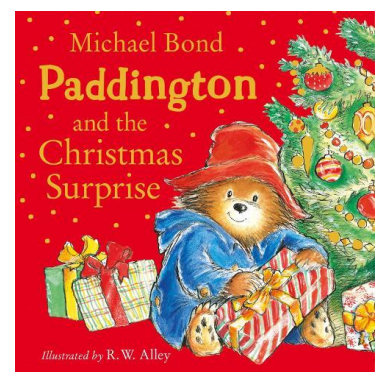
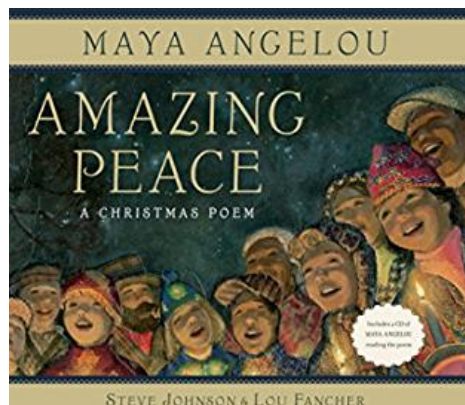
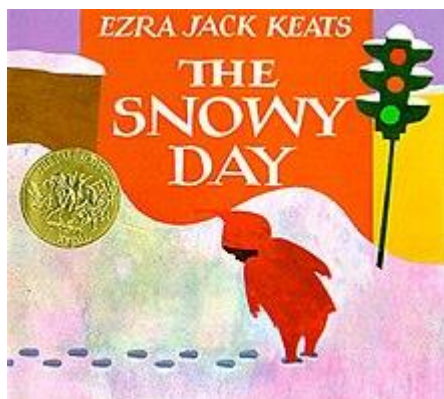
## Our Christmas books of the fortnight:

**Pick a Pine Tree by Patricia Toht** - A festive read-aloud brimming with all the joy and excitement of Christmas beginning, of course, with picking out a tree.



**The Holly-day After by Daniella Marietta**- Spend Christmas with Santa and his family this Christmas as they cook up an amazing pancake feast in the North Pole. Carrying out their favourite traditions, join Santa's nieces and nephews as they plant their future Holly-day After trees outside.

**The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats**- This award-winning picture book depicts the magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall. This has also just been made into a short film and is available on Amazon Prime.



**Amazing Peace by Maya Angelou:** The infamous poem paired with beautiful illustrations. Angelou read this poem at the 2005 White House tree-lighting, and the accompanying illustrations tell the story of a family joining with others in their community of all races and religions to celebrate the holidays

**Paddington and the Christmas Surprise by Micheal Bond**- Everyone's favourite bear returns in Paddington and the Christmas Surprise. The festive-inspired picture book, tells the story of the Browns taking Paddington along to a local department store grotto. The store offers many wonderful surprises as they make their way through the magical Winter Wonderland, one of which includes meeting with Santa Claus himself.

Attached we have also put together a few ideas to help you support your child over the Christmas Break as well as some nice family activities.

Have a wonderful, peaceful and healthy Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Nursery Team