

Our current theme is "Once upon a Christmas Time"

The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of Winter and Christmas themed activities. We have enjoyed learning about the Christmas story and we even had a visit from Santa's Elf. As part of our T4W activities we have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children created their own story maps substituting different characters from the story for their own choices. We were very pleased with the fantastic work they produced.

In maths we have learnt about 2D shapes and been on a shape walk. We have continued to learn a "Number of the Week" focusing on numbers 1-10.



Helping Your Child To Learn

Here are some ideas on how you can support your child at home:

- reading books
- visits to the library
- playing with letters and numbers
- singing songs and rhymes
- drawing and painting
- encouraging your child to play with friends
- getting out and about e.g. trips to the park or woods encourages a range of activities (jumping in puddles or collecting leaves)

Library Books and Home-School Packs

Library books and home-school packs will be collected in before the end of term. Please return any outstanding packs and books as soon as possible.

We will begin sending out home-school packs and library books in the Spring term. Thank you for your continued support the library books and packs are a very important home-school link.

Nursery Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is named

- Navy jogging bottoms
- Yellow polo t-shirt
- Navy sweatshirt
- suitable named coat
- **Shoes with a velcro fastening** to enable children to be independent when changing into their pumps or wellies.

P.E. & Outdoor Play in Kipper's Garden

Every Wednesday AM & Friday PM

Please ensure your child has:

- A pair of named black, velcro pumps in their bags.
- A pair of named wellingtons and a waterproof suit in nursery.

Magic Moments



Thank you for all the 'Magic Moments' that have been sent in so far.

The children have really enjoyed sharing them with their friends. There are more stars available if you run out, these can be located by our noticeboard in the cloakroom.

Please keep them coming next half term!

What Have We Been Up To!

We were incredibly proud of the children and their fantastic performances during our nursery sing-a-long concerts. Thank you for all the positive comments and patience. We know lots of parents were listening to their children sing the songs at home since October! We also enjoyed our Christmas party (thank you for the generous donations, we will be eating party food for the next few weeks!). Entertainment was provided by Taz and we also had a special visitor who gave all of the children an early Christmas present.



Snack

We ask for £1 each week towards snack and baking. During each morning and

afternoon session the children are offered a drink of water or milk and a snack. Our snacks include toast, cheese and crackers or cereal.

We often prepare nursery activities before the start of the session. Therefore please remind your child not to touch or climb on any of our outdoor equipment either before or after the nursery session.

Churchtown Baby & Toddler Group

- Every Friday from 9:00-10:30am in the Early Years Hall.
- £1.00 voluntary contribution
- Children have the opportunity to play, have snack and listen to a story.
- New session begins 13th January 2017

Spare Clothing

We are low on spare clothes (particularly trousers and socks). If your child has borrowed any items in the last few weeks, can you please return them to Nursery.

Please ensure your child has a full set of spare clothes in their bags each day, including socks & underwear. During outdoor play or art activities children may get wet or dirty and might need to get changed.

