

Our next topic is...

# Wonderful Winter

This is one of our favourite topics full of Christmas fun!

## Milestone

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience. This topic the Milestone Moment links with the school value **Peace** and we will be visiting St Peter's Church.

These Prime Areas (below) are fundamental to all we do. They will continue to be a priority each day through structured and incidental interactions. **Please can you help us at home by helping your child learn how to put on their own shoes, socks and coats? (laces are not recommended for this age!)**

### Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding, 2. Speaking

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

3. Self-regulation, 4. Managing self, 5. Building relationships

### Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills, 7. Fine motor skills

### Literacy

8. Comprehension  
9. Word reading  
10. Writing

Some of our key texts will be "The Christmas Story", "One Snowy Night" and "Jesus' Christmas Party". There will be lots of opportunities for chatting about and re-telling the stories. The reception children will use their phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences to re-tell the stories.

### Mathematics

11. Number  
12. Numerical patterns

The reception children will be comparing and ordering by looking at weight, capacity and size. They will also be doing some simple addition calculations.

The Nursery children will be comparing amounts looking especially at groups of objects and also looking at weight, capacity and size.

### Understanding the World

13. Past and Present  
14. People, Culture and Communities  
15. The Natural World

Our big focus this topic is exploring the questions "why do Christians celebrate Christmas?" "How do different families celebrate Christmas?" We will continue to explore the seasonal changes and also be exploring ice and how it changes!

### Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials  
17. Being imaginative and expressive

There are so many opportunities for being creative this topic - from art to music to role play! We will be making Christmas cards and decorations and playing in our post office role play.

## Key Vocabulary

**Season, Winter, cold, daylight, ice, frost, snow, hibernation, migration, hat, gloves, scarf, Christian, Jesus, story, birthday, celebration, family**

## Memos

- You are invited to join us in the school hall at 9.15 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to watch our Christmas Singing!
- Please can your child come to school in their nativity costume on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (look at the memo on Tapestry for more details!)
- We are taking the children to the Theatre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Speak to Emily in the office if you are not sure if you have signed your child up to join us!