

## Nursery Term 2

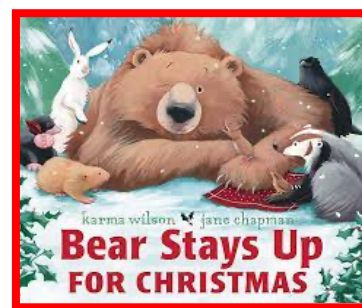
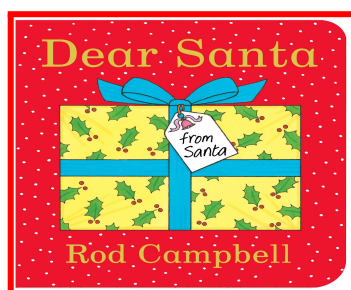
### Celebrations


Dear Nursery Families,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful half term. This term our topic is called 'Celebrations', where the children will learn about fireworks night and explore the Christmas Story.

As part of this topic, we will be using stories to help us think about different celebrations around the world and exploring the similarities and differences between families.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



<p><u>Understanding of the World</u></p> <p>Exploring similarities and differences between different families.</p> <p>Exploring different technology such as tablets, cameras and the smart board.</p> <p>Exploring how different things work such as magnets and technology.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Matching and sorting objects into different colours, sizes and shapes.</p> <p>Exploring numbers 1 and 2</p> <p>Recognising and naming different patterns and colours in our environment.</p> <p>Begin exploring repeating patterns.</p>	<p><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>Exploring the bible story linked to Christmas.</p> <p>Understanding that Jesus was a special baby.</p>
<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p> <p>Understanding simple instructions, as well as two-part instructions.</p> <p>Focusing on our own choice of activity.</p> <p>Understanding simple questions about 'what'.</p> <p>Using longer sentences when speaking.</p> <p>Singing nursery rhymes.</p>		<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <p>Playing movement games.</p> <p>Begin controlling mark making tools and using a comfortable grip.</p> <p>Making large arm movements with material to music.</p> <p>Putting on and taking off coats.</p> <p>Using a range of construction materials to build.</p> <p>Thinking about different spaces and where I can sit.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Art &amp; Design</u></p> <p>Exploring paint using different body parts and tools.</p> <p>Recognising and naming different patterns.</p> <p>Begin exploring repeating patterns.</p> <p>Singing and dancing to a variety of action songs.</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Exploring new activities and expressing my own preferences.</p> <p>Managing transitions.</p> <p>Making friendships and showing confidence with new children.</p> <p>Understanding what different emotions look like.</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>Playing phonics games with the sounds S, A, T, P, I and N</p> <p>Listening to stories and talking about what has happened.</p> <p>Listening to music and singing songs.</p> <p>Noticing letters and sounds in the environment.</p> <p>Exploring mark-making tools.</p>

### Useful Websites

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk) and [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) for Literacy and Maths games.

Numberblocks Make and Play Game on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC

### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle.
- As the weather is unpredictable at this time of the year, please make sure that your child comes to nursery with a bag and some spare clothes inside.
- Wet Weather Gear - We are hoping to be outside everyday come rain or shine and therefore we advise you pack a coat, a pair of wellies and some wet weather gear for your child. We do have a number of spare wellies and wet weather trousers and rain macs.
- Packed Lunches - Just a reminder that packed lunches must be healthy and balanced. An example of this could include a sandwich/wrap/roll, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit/vegetables, crisps and a biscuit.
- School Dinners - If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please ensure that you tell staff on the gate. If you think your child will have difficulties choosing what they would like for lunch, please ask the staff on the gate what the options are for the day. All school dinners are charged to the 'Parent Pay' app, so please keep an eye out to ensure all payments are up-to-date.
- Nappies - If your child is still in nappies, please can you provide nappies, nappy sacks and any creams they require.



### Dates to remember

- Monday 30st October - First day back to Nursery
- Tuesday 31st October - Open Day at East Hoathly School for children starting reception in 2024. Please contact Mrs Mackmin in the school office for more information.
- Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- Thursday 16th November - Open Evening at East Hoathly School for children starting reception in 2024. Please contact Mrs Mackmin in the school office for more information. Start time is 18:00.
- Friday 17th November - Children in need
- Monday 4th December & Monday 11th December - Parent consultations
- Tuesday 12th December - Nativity performance @ 13:30/ Wednesday 13th December @ 09:30
- Friday 15th December 2pm - Christingle Service/ Last day of term

Thank you,  
Miss Stubbs & Mrs May  
Nursery Teachers