

## Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!

This week our role play area has been transformed into an Elves Workshop. The children have enjoyed helping Santa to get the toys made, wrapping the presents, checking the lists and finishing off writing the Christmas cards.

Elsewhere in the classroom, children have been busy making Christmas cards and writing inserts for them to surprise you with. They have decorated a paper bag to bring home all their Christmas crafts in. Also, decorated gingerbread biscuits ahead of our party.

We have enjoyed Christmas lunch together this week too, wearing our reindeer hats to the lunch and enjoying some Christmas music as we ate.

Thursday saw our Christmas party, we enjoyed lots of games— musical statues, Christmas quiz, musical bumps, Christmas stations game and a balloon game where we had to pass it along the line.



**Home challenge:** Have an amazing Christmas! Please share anything you get up to over the break and we will look at these together when we return.



## Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing:  
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## Phonics

This week has been a recap of all the phonemes taught over the Autumn term. We have continued to practise using these in our reading and writing.

**Home challenge:** Share your reading book over the break to help you keep practising your segmenting and blending skills. You might want to have a go at labelling something you got for Christmas, that you want to say thank you to someone for.

## Maths

This week we played a roll and cover game where we had to subitise the dots on a dice and then find the matching numeral before covering it with a counter. The children have also had a go at ordering numbered stockings from 1-10.

**Home challenge:** Can you accurately count how many brussels sprouts are on your plate? How many Christmas cards you received? How many baubles are on your Christmas tree?

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry