

Important Dates

Monday 2nd December—Christmas Craft Session
Nursery AM and Reception PM
(parents/Carers invited)

Tuesday 10th December AM— Nursery Dress Rehearsal
for Christmas Performance & Video Recording
(ALL NURSERY CHILDREN IN AM SESSION)

Wednesday 11th December—School Christmas Lunch
(to be confirmed)

Thursday 12th December 9.15am—Reception Christmas
Performance

Friday 13th December 9.30am —Nursery Christmas
Performance

Wednesday 18th December AM- Nursery & Reception trip to
Jumbo Jungle
(ALL NURSERY CHILDREN IN AM SESSION)

Thursday 19th December AM- Nursery Christmas Party
(ALL NURSERY CHILDREN IN AM SESSION)

Thursday 19th December PM — Reception Christmas Party

Friday 20th December AM —Christmas Entertainer
Mr. Windbags for Nursery and Reception
(ALL NURSERY CHILDREN IN AM SESSION)

Further information and times for the above events
will be given out nearer the time.

Benfieldside Early Years Unit



What will the Early Years
Children be learning about
this half term?

Our Topic this Term is: "All About Me" & 'Christmas'

Below is an overview of what we plan to cover with the Early Years Children this half term. All of our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) will be developing skills through the same topic but the activities will be delivered at a level appropriate to their age and stage of development. We plan all of our activities around the seven areas of learning, but our children also initiate their own learning through free choice activities and we do try to follow the children's interests, therefore our planning is flexible and subject to change.

Personal, Social & Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settling Back Into the Early Years Unit • Discuss Bonfire safety • Discuss Remembrance Day • Exploring our Feelings • Discuss how we can Care for others (linked to Children in Need) • Discuss people who are special to us • Learn about the First Christmas • Investigate Advent wreaths & calendars
Communication, Language & Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, Write Inc. & Phonics activities to promote communication, literacy and language skills • To recall stories and past events • To suggest how stories may end • To describe settings, events & characters from stories • Reception children will be developing letter formation • Reception children will be taking home reading books • Making Labels for cards and presents • Writing letters to Santa • Sequencing the Christmas Story
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number Rhymes • Number Recognition and number ordering • 2D & 3D Shapes and their properties • Counting • Practical Addition & Subtraction • Reception children will be developing number formation. • Investigate time and experiment with weight • Explore Advent (calendars and wreaths)

Understanding of the World (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring indoor and outdoor environments • Explore Bonfire night & safety with fireworks • Explore the charity 'Children in Need' & Remembrance • Investigate who we give presents/cards to and why • Investigate the Christmas story and traditions • Dress the Christmas tree • Take part in Christmas celebrations • Use the Interactive Whiteboard • Use tape/CD player • Use Ipads • Use Technological Toys
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sticky Kids Action CD • Dance • Action Rhymes • Outdoor area • Forest School
Creative Development (Music/Drama)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting & collage • 2D & 3D Fire works pictures • Glitter Poppies • Pudsey /Blush Bear masks & bandannas • Christmas cards and Calendars • Various Christmas crafts • Singing Nursery Rhymes & playing musical instruments • Singing Christmas songs • In the role play area we will experience a Post Office, stable with nativity costumes and Santa's workshop/grotto • Dance

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