

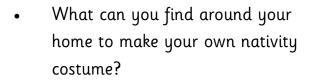
## Ready to Launch...

Who has visited our reception playground overnight?.





## Are you a Home Explorer?



- Practise reading your tricky words
- What numbers can you recognise

#### **Wow** moments

- Dressing up and filming our nativity
- Making Christmas hats with Big Friends
- Making Christmas bird feeders
- Make Christmas biscuits
- Christmas sewing

## Expert knowledge:

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus was 2000 years ago

Key vocabulary:

- Nativity, Bethlehem, wise men, shepherd, manger
- The gun power plot and bonfire night
- Remembrance day
- Diwali and festival of lights





#### Time to **celebrate!**

Christmas nativity performance.



Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?





#### Literacy:

- To recognise and write individual letter sounds
- Learn common exception words (ECCB words)
- Read books based on our phonic knowledge
- To introduce letter families for handwriting e.g. zig zag monster letters
- To practise our long legged giraffe letter formation
- Blend and segment CVC words and simple phrases

## Understanding the world:

- To know when and where Jesus was born
- Know the history of the 5th of November
- To know why the 11th November is important
- Talk about other cultures and religions and know how and why they celebrate Diwali
- To know how other countries celebrate Christmas around the world

#### Physical Development:

- Street Dance: music and movement
- Playball: improve ball skills and using sports equipment
- How to hold a pencil correctly
- Strengthening the muscles in our fingers to support writing

# Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

## Communication and Language:

- Following a recipe
- To retell the Christmas story in their own words
- To learn simple poems

#### Maths:

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- Rote counting to 10 and beyond
- Counting objects one at a time and knowing which group has more or fewer
- Capacity and weighing ingredients
  - Understanding the numbers 4, 5, 6 in detail:

Recognising, writing; ordering; subitising; squares; rectangle; cube; cuboid; pentagon; hexagon; triangular prism; pyramid; composition of numbers; number bonds; simple addition and subtraction; money: 1p, 2p 5p

## **PSED**:

- Staying safe: Bonfire safety, sewing, cooking
- Working with our Big Friends to make a Christmas hat

## Expressive Art and Design:

- Perform the Nativity story and sing Nativity songs
- Learn street dance moves
- Create props to re-enact stories
- Make Christmas cards
- To use a needle and thread to sew a Christmas decoration

#### RE:

- Who are the key people in the Christmas story
- To know that Christmas is a special time for Christians celebrating the birth of Jesus

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• To know why Christians celebrate Christmas