



Ready to **Launch...**

Who has visited our reception playground overnight?.



Are you a **Home Explorer?**



- What can you find around your home to make your own nativity costume?
- Practise reading your tricky words
- What numbers can you recognise

# Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

**Wow moments**

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



**Time to celebrate!**

Christmas nativity performance.



**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



## 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

## 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

## Maths:

- 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

## 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

# Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

## Communication and Language:

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

## 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
- To know why Christians celebrate Christmas