



# West Ham Church School

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## Early Years Foundation Stage

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Autumn 2, Week 6  
10th December 2021



### Wonder, Harmony, Compassion, Strength

#### School Vision

Our vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony** embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

#### Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*

Lord God,

Thank you, that out of your love you shared your son Jesus with us.

In all the fun and excitement of Christmas time, may we remember the one that we celebrate.

Help us this Christmas to follow the example of Jesus, and to find ways to share with, and care for and to love one another.



Amen

### EYFS Team

#### Teachers

**Miss Davis** - Little Owls

**Ms Rice** - Ladybirds

**Miss Upson** - Dragonflies

**Miss Holroyde** - Phase Leader

#### Additional Staff

Mrs Aryal, Mrs Aziz,

Mrs Palmer,

Miss Starling

Whilst we are available for any quick questions about your child at the end of the school day, please be mindful that we need to dismiss all the children safely. Please contact the school office if you have a question that requires more of our time.

### Value

Our school value this term is

*joy*



### Collective Worship

This week in worship, we learnt about the Christmas story and the different versions of the nativity from both Christianity and Islam. Miss Holroyde taught us about the journey that Mary and Joseph had to take and why it was so important, and we spent time reflecting together on the true meaning of Christmas.

Robin from All Saints Church reminded us about the importance of family at Christmas time and how we shouldn't rely on material things - make sure you tell someone how much you love and appreciate them over the holidays.

On Thursday, our RE Ambassadors told us more about the story of the nativity, and the birth of Jesus. On Friday, we celebrated our achievements in celebration assembly - well done to all who received a certificate!





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## Little Owls Nursery

Nursery have had a brilliant week, the children were very excited to decorate our christmas tree. Next week we will begin to learn the 'Christmas Story', talking about the plot and why Christians celebrate this special time of year.

As part of our topic based learning, the children have been engaging in mathematical activities, including counting out four buttons for the gingerbread person. It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning this week. On Friday we enjoyed baking our own gingerbread people. The nursery children learnt about ingredients and what we use recipes for. We had a great time!

### Reminder: Start of Term

*Nursery dates are different to the main school.*

**Morning nursery sessions** will resume on **January 10th 2022**

**30 hour children** will return on the **January 6th 2022**

Thank you

## Forest School

The children put their overalls and wellies on and braved the weather during Forest School this week!

They had a lovely time collecting natural materials and then went into the pavilion to create nature inspired pieces of art!



## Christmas Presents

As we near the end of term and the festive season, we know that some of you will be thinking about 'thank you' gifts for staff. Our staff **do not expect** presents, but if you do want to give something, staff appreciate cards, letters and emails more than anything – kind words mean a lot! We cannot accept cash gifts, or gifts over £10.

Please do not send in gifts if you or your child are self-isolating, have symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive. Unfortunately, we cannot accept homemade items including homemade food. We would like to request that any gifts are clearly marked with the staff member's name.

Wishing you and your families well over this festive season and thank you for your continued support.

## Class Parties

The children will have their class parties on the 20th (Ladybirds and Dragonflies) and 21st (Little Owls) of December.

Please note that we will not be accepting donations of party food this year, but will be providing food, including Halal options, ourselves.

## Diary Dates

*Please note that we have the following events lined up. We hope that everything will go ahead as scheduled, but will update you with any changes.*

**Thursday 16th December**  
Ballet club performance after school 4-4:30pm

**Monday 20th December**  
EYFS Christmas Performance

Christmas jumper day

Christmas lunch

Christmas parties (PM)

**Tuesday 21st December**  
Christingle service  
Little Owls Christmas party

End of term: **1:30pm** on 21st  
December



## Home Learning

We will be asking parents to support your child's learning at home, either through consolidating learning from this week, or by preparing something for the following week. *Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.*

### **Little Owls**

We have enjoyed giving the Gingerbread Man some buttons in maths this week. What do you have at home with buttons? How many buttons can your child count?

### **Ladybirds and Dragonflies**

This week we have been making our own character puppets from the story The Elves and the Shoemaker. What do you have at home that you could use to make a puppet? Please encourage your child to make a puppet and retell the story.

## Rhyme Time!

This week's rhyme was

### **5 Speckled Frogs**

5 little speckled frogs  
 Sat on a speckled log,  
 Eating the most delicious bugs  
 (yum yum!)  
 1 jumped into the pool  
 Where it was nice and cool,  
 Then there were 4 green speckled  
 frogs.



## Reading Books

Your child will be bringing home a reading book from school. Please read with your child daily. Please ensure the books are returned to school on **Thursday** (Little Owls) and **Tuesday** (Ladybirds and Dragonflies).



The Headteacher's Award this week goes to **Mahdiya** for always showing kindness and compassion towards her peers.



**Little Owls: David** for excellent effort in mathematics and our physical development sessions.

**Ladybirds: Joseph** for his positivity and kindness this week.

**Dragonflies: Eissa** for his passion and enthusiasm in the creative arts.

## **This Week's Learning**



Nursery had fun decorating their Christmas tree and practising making gingerbread in their role-play playdough kitchen.



Reception enjoyed mixing the ingredients and rolling out the dough before stamping out shapes with cutters.





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## Reception

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*some of next week's activities*

### Communication and Language

Focus activity: special celebrations

The children will reflect on what is special to them, and to their families, and share their ideas with their friends.

*What do you celebrate at home?*



### Understanding the World

Focus activity: The Christmas Story

This week the children will be thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas, and why the birth of Jesus is so special for Christians.

*What do Christians celebrate at Christmas?*



### Physical Development

Focus activity: winter decoration

The children will continue to develop their pincer grasp by moulding salt dough to create a winter decoration.

*Can you mould the dough using your pincer grasp?*

### Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: celebrating differences

To conclude our topic, the children will be encouraged to think of ways they can be inclusive.

*Can you think of a way to show compassion to others?*

### Mathematics

Focus activity: numbers to five

This week the children will be revisiting the numbers one to five in order to develop fluency and subitising skills.

*Can you add to the correct number of bows to the present?*



### Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: working from a plan

This week the children have been using paint in spray bottles to make different patterns and mix colours. We will extend this next week to create our own wrapping paper.

*Can you design some wrapping paper?*

### Literacy

Focus activity: writing captions



The children will be applying their knowledge of "The Elves and the Shoemaker" story by thinking of, and writing, their own descriptive sentences.

*Can you write a caption for the story?*



### Phonics

Phase 3 Sounds

Next week's sounds:  
**ur, ow, oi, ear**



### Phonics - Key Words

This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:  
**for, is, see, at, children, too, into, and, look, got, get, too**  
This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:  
**she, was, you, one, they, all, have, are, my, do, like, so, when, said**





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## Nursery

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### Communication and Language

Focus activity: talking about the Christmas story

Using our nativity small world scene, we will talk about the people in the Christmas story and talk about what happened in this special story.

*What did the Angel Gabriel tell Mary?*



### Understanding the World

Focus activity: discussing Christmas

During circle time we will talk about celebrating Christmas and what Christians do at this special time of year.

*Can you remember how some people celebrate Christmas?*

### Physical Development

Focus activity: dancing in time to music

This week in ballet we will use different movements to express how the music makes us feel.

*Can you move your body quickly and slowly?*



### Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: making a christmas tree decoration

We will be making a christmas tree decoration from salt dough. The children will mix and roll the dough before decorating them.

*How will you roll the dough ready for cutting?*



*Can you count out five baubles?*

### Literacy

Focus activity: name writing in Christmas cards

We will look at different cards that people might send, and practise writing our names to sign our own Christmas cards.

*How do you hold a pencil?*



### Phonics

Next week's phonics sounds are  
**ur, ow, oi, ear**

*Which words have the sound 'ow' in them?*

