



Understanding the world

People and Communities inc. celebrations

Through the preschool focus our aim is to share activities and ideas over the forthcoming weeks so that you can understand what the children will be learning and how you can help at home.

Some activities we will do at nursery:

- Talk about past, present and future events and discuss and share their experiences of family traditions, celebrations and culture.
- Use the interactive board to explore the world around us and how other children and families celebrate different festivities and celebrations.
- Look at similarities and differences in celebrations
- Sing Christmas songs and rhymes, understanding rhythm, words, rhyming and alliteration.
- Use Christmas decorations to explore colour, texture and pattern.
- Listen to stories about the meaning behind our traditions, celebrations and festivals.
- Look at the variety of celebrations around the world at this time and throughout the year, how do they differ from our own.
- Use puppets and resources to explore news time, emotions and understand others, learning that our peers may have different opinions, feelings and ideas and how to learn from them and share our thoughts.
- Use the interactive board and resources to understand people that make up our community and those who help us. Explore our local environment through videos and pictures.
- What makes me feel special? Explore circle times that reflect what makes each child feel special, what do celebrations and family traditions mean to them? Is it seeing loved ones? Presents? Giving to others?
- Practice fine motor skills through making Christmas decorations, practicing writing cards and developing use of tools.

If you would like any further support, help or would like to arrange some feedback about the preschool experiences, please do not hesitate to speak to Tracy or Erin **Please keep an eye out weekly for updates on the ILD or through feedback.**



What you can try at home

Share the experiences you have of celebrations and traditions that are special to your family and make you unique or the same as others.

Share photographs and past experiences. Children love watching and looking through old photos and videos, reflecting on themselves and how things have changed.

Make a special decoration or card for a loved one that you may not be able to see this year or a friend to show you're thinking them.

Use decorations to explore colour, texture, number and letters e.g. bauble starts with 'b'.

When out and about in the community, talk about the features, people you come across and observe what everyone does.

