



# Preston Primary

## Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Love to  
Learn

Be a Good  
Citizen

Ready for  
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

### Lights, Camera, Action! - Foundation Nativity

Last week, parents and grandparents joined us in school to watch our Nativity performance. It was a lovely occasion for us all to join together and to have a festive sing-a-long! The children have enjoyed learning about the Christian story of The First Christmas. The children have worked extremely hard practising the songs and learning their lines. They showed dedication, commitment, and amazing teamwork, but most importantly they had lots of fun. We wanted to celebrate their success with some photos:





These are video links to nativity stories if you would like to watch them with your child :

[The Christian Story of the First Christmas - BBC Teach](#)

[Nativity story - CBeebies - BBC](#)



### Changing Seasons

We have been using the story of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson to support our understanding of the four seasons. We read the book and looked closely at the pictures, and we noticed that the Stick Man was actually away from the family tree for a whole year! For example, at the start of the story it is Spring – the leaves are green, there is blossom on the branches and the swan is building a nest. Then it must be Summer, as it is hot enough for people to be swimming in the sea and playing on the beach. Later, there are signs of Autumn as the leaves on the trees have turned yellow and orange, and the children in the pictures begin to be wrapped up in warmer clothes. Then it snows and Father Christmas arrives, indicating that Winter is here. We placed images from the 'Stick Man' story book around our seasons display and we discussed the changes happening. We also talked about how the seasons go in a 'cycle' and continually repeat the pattern each year.





## Festive fun

Over the past week, we have had lots of festive fun!

The children have been busy making cards, tree ornaments and mini-Christmas trees ...





They have enjoyed dressing up as Santa, elves, and reindeer ...



We ate a delicious Christmas lunch with our friends ...





Father Christmas visited us ...



We also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas disco with party games ...



### Home learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story on Seesaw – 'Father Christmas needs a wee!' by Nicholas Allan, read by Mrs Clague.
- We have also posted a special story poem on Seesaw – 'Twas the night before Christmas'.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading to complete at home.
- Have a wonderful festive break together!

### Important dates:

- Last day of term - Tuesday 19th December.
- First day of Spring term – Wednesday 3rd January 2024

### Merry Christmas!

We would like to finish by saying that it has been a pleasure getting to know the children and yourselves this term. They have impressed us with their determination and passion for learning. They bring a smile to our faces every day and we enjoy sharing an exciting and innovative curriculum with them.

We hope you have a special and wonderful Christmas together.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3rd January.

Merry Christmas!



From Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague, and the Foundation Stage Team