



## Developing Children's Vocabulary

### Christmas

During our Christmas topic we will be thinking about the meaning of Christmas and how we celebrate Christmas in our own homes and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

In line with our school values we will talk to the children about kindness, generosity, gratitude and understanding.

The children will have the opportunity to make Christmas Cards, calendars and Christmas decorations that they can take home at the end of term.

In mathematics activities we will be focusing on number recognition and recognising number as quantity. While in literacy activities we will investigate mark-making, early writing and play games that introduce phonetic letter sounds.

### Key vocabulary:

Christmas, Nativity, manger, shepherd, king, angel  
Decorations, Celebration, presents, Carols  
Father Christmas, Reindeer, Elf  
Kindness, generosity, gratitude and understanding

### Stories we will be sharing:

The Nativity by Bethan Lycett  
Little Robin's Red Vest by Jan Fearnley  
Stickman by Julia Donaldson  
William's Winter Wish by Gillian Shields  
What's a Christmas? by Hayley Down  
The Polar Bear who saved Christmas by Fiona Boon  
Father Christmas Needs a Wee! By Nicholas Allen

