



Ash Class Newsletter

6th December 2019

Ash Class are beginning to feel a little festive as we rehearse for our Christmas play and learn about the nativity story. We have also finished off our dinosaur topic over the past few weeks:

CLL: We enjoyed learning more about dinosaurs by reading non-fiction books and fact files. We have now moved on to the nativity story, and have written what happened at the beginning, middle and end. Many children have retold the story using our knitted nativity characters!



Maths: We have been thinking about counting and comparing over the past few weeks. The children have developed and consolidated the skills of 1 to 1 correspondence, cardinality, tens frames and the language of more, less and equal to.

Understanding the World: We have enjoyed making our on pretend dinosaur fossils from salt dough, putting together a dinosaur skeleton and baking Christmas cupcakes for the fair.



Expressive Arts and Design: We have practiced our acting in our Christmas play and also roleplayed in the stable in our classroom. We have also tried wrapping and making presents from junk modelling and painting our dinosaur fossils.



Here are a few topic related activity ideas to try at home:

- Discuss Christmas and the story of the Nativity with your child, and practice songs and any words they say in the play!
- Support your child with writing opportunities in the festive period; perhaps writing a letter to Father Christmas, notes to elves or present labels and cards.
- Discuss shape when wrapping presents, including 3D shape names and how many corners and sides you can see.
- Reception children: practice learning tricky words (that you can't blend or segment using phonics), particularly **she he all are you they**



Have you tried any of the activities or noticed your child talking about any of the topics we have been learning about recently?
If so, please let us know below:

Many thanks,
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