

SYCAMORE ROOM

(3-4 year old room)

Weeks of 8th December & 15th December 2025

Our RHYME of the fortnight is:

When Santa got stuck up the chimney



When Santa got stuck up the chimney
He began to shout!

You girls and boys
Won't get any toys
if you don't pull me out!

My beard is black
there's soot in sack
My nose is tickling too!

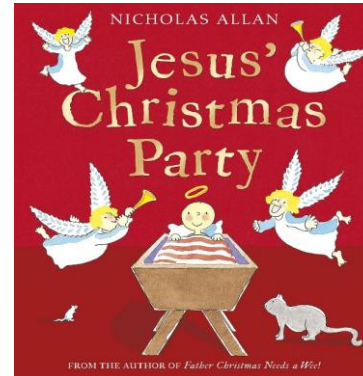
When Santa got stuck up the chimney
Achoo! Achoo! Achoo!

What to do at home together:

- Sing out the rhyme together using actions
- Talk about Santa - why do we sing songs about Santa at this time of year?
- Could you write a letter together to Santa in the North Pole?
- Watch the video below and talk about the joy of giving gifts at celebration times.
- Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again after https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObYw3DkdJ_4

Our BOOK of the fortnight is:

Jesus' Christmas Party- Nicholas Allan



A Christmas story told from the point of view of the grumpy innkeeper. When a night of angels, shepherds and bright stars keeps him from his sleep, is there anything that will cheer him up?

A wonderful introduction to the story of the nativity through repeated refrains and sequencing of events.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? Why did a character act in a certain way? How are they feeling ?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

ELM ROOM

(2-3 year old room)

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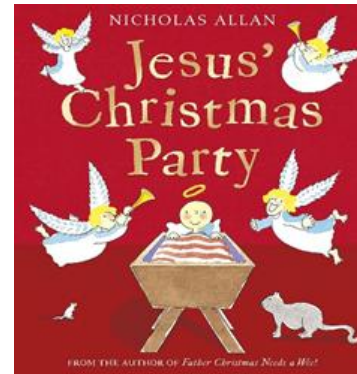
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WILLOW ROOM

(Under 2's room)

Weeks of 24th November & 1st December 2025

Our RHYME of the fortnight is:

Jingle bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells

Jingle all the way

Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells

Jingle all the way

Oh what fun it is to ride

In a one-horse open sleigh

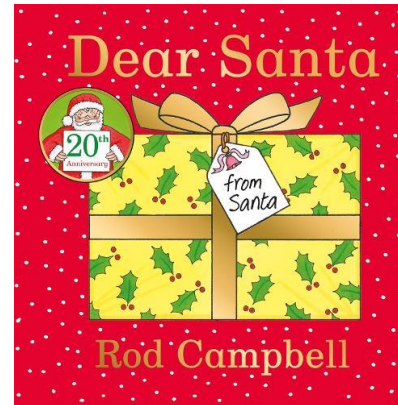
What to do at home together:

Watch the video and sing the rhyme together again after

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YBGRGBj7_w&list=RD4YBGRGBj7_w&start_radio=1

Our BOOK of the fortnight is:

Dear Santa by Rod Campbell



Toddlers will love lifting the sturdy card flaps to open the colourful presents and find out what Santa has sent. Will he find the perfect present in the end?

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Be expressive and show enjoyment
- Use facial expressions
- Emphasise key words
- Point to what you can see on the page

Our Makaton signs this fortnight are:



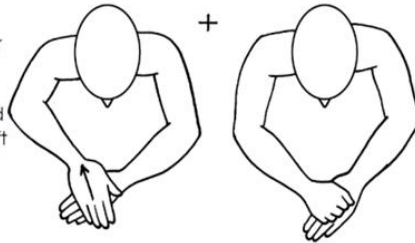
Drink



Snack

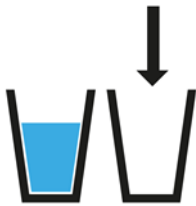
Christmas

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



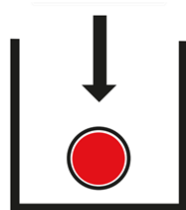
(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat signs this fortnight are:



Empty

(Week 1)



In

(Week 2)

Our UNICEF Right of the fortnight is:



Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow.

Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring children's right to freedom of thought, belief and religion. The children will be learning more about their rights through exploring different cultures and celebrations. The children will be looking at the celebration of Christmas, discussing similarities and differences to other religious beliefs and celebrations.

2 Snacks Max



2 Snack Max says:

Lots more early years health information, activities and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:
<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>

Having a healthy mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack in-between each of your main meals will keep energy levels up throughout the day and help children grow and develop well.