

### Learning Journal 21.11.14

This week we have started practising our Christmas play. We really enjoyed reading the Christmas story and choosing which parts we wanted to play. Rehearsals are going well and the children are singing their hearts out in an effort to learn some new songs for you. We will not put any more details on here as we want it to be a surprise, although I am sure the children will share the whole thing with you if you ask them!

As well as getting ready for Christmas with our play, we have made a lovely cosy house in our classroom with a roaring fire (painted by Ralph) and comfy chairs and cups of tea. We plan, as Christmas approaches, to add different decorations and make Christmas additions for our house. The children have come up with all their own ideas for what our house needs and love playing in there.





You can have a lovely cup of tea on the comfy chair.

Or watch a programme on the television.....

.....as long as someone produces a programme for you to watch!





Finlay is painting a lovely picture to go on the wall.

We made this beautiful picture with all the amazing things that we found in the woods at Preston tower. The whole class worked as a team and chose what they wanted to stick on and where it had to go.



We really love this and have put it up where everyone can share it.

In maths we have been learning about solid shapes. The reception children learnt the names cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone and sphere, and all the children had great fun learning about flat and curved faces by rolling the shapes down a ramp to see which went furthest.



Mrs Crane is a student who works in our class on a Friday and she brings lots of new and interesting activities for us to try as part of her teaching course. So far we have made spiders and hedgehogs with her and had lots of fun. She also helps with our gymnastics and golden time.

Thank you to the parents who visited our curriculum open evening. If you were not able to attend, your child will bring home a login and instructions for a website called Purple Mash on a little card. This has lots of fun activities and challenges on for children and is used in school for our older pupils. Please take the time to log in and look at the games and resources available.

We will let you know when we need any additional costume items for the play. Please make sure your child has black PE shoes in their PE bag as they need these to perform in. Also a pair of tracksuit bottoms is vital as we go outside for PE in all weathers and it is too cold to be in shorts.

We look forward to amazing you with our Christmas performance!