

**Learning Preview Heath Class**  
**Autumn Term 2 2015 - 30/11/15 - 18/12/15**  
**Shapes, Stories and Christmas**

How our learning will link to Heath class children's lives, interests and experiences

- Have you heard Christmas songs at home? Are you enjoying practising for the Christmas play? Can you practise your actions? Or find the part you are playing when reading the Christmas nativity? Try singing to an audience using a big, clear voice.
- Let's think about what a star looks like, how many points does it have? How could we use shapes to make our own star? What shape does the Christmas tree make you think of? What other shapes can you see at Christmas?

How our learning will link to the wider world

- When we celebrate it is good to give and share. We are making and giving cards for some elderly people in the community to try to make sure they don't feel lonely this Christmas. *Can you think of a time when you gave something to someone? How did it make you feel? Could you make something to give to a friend or neighbour?*
- Are you giving a present during the holidays? How did you choose what you will give? Can you wrap it yourself? Try writing a card for your family or friends.

Remember...

**Take a photograph of you and your family on Christmas day or during a different celebration.**

We will be talking about these in the New Year!

Light in Celebrations

Did you see the St Albans Christmas lights being switched on? Are you celebrating by putting lights in your house? Why do we use lights when we celebrate?

Have you seen a Christingle? Find out what it reminds us of.

Do you know what a menorah is? How many lights does it have? Find out about different celebrations including Hannukah here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/lets-celebrate>

Literacy

**We are becoming authors in Heath class and are busy creating our own stories with a clear beginning, middle and end. Look out for our finished products displayed in the classroom before the end of term.**

**Ideas:**

- Advent calendars - Can you make your own?  
*Guess which number comes next?*
  - We have been thinking about giving compliments and when you think something nice about somebody, remembering to say it out loud and letting them hear it. Try giving compliments at home.