

Learning Preview Heartwood Class

Autumn Term 2 2017

Light and Dark

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

- Have you heard our Christmas songs at home? Are you enjoying practising for the Christmas play? We are practising *Welcome, Welcome, Away in a Manger* and *Ring Out The Bells* - I wonder if your child can sing you a verse?
- The performances are the week beginning 4th December, further details to follow.

How our learning will link to the wider world

- We have a new class pet! The children will be excited to share the news of Rainbow, the giant land snail. Over the coming weeks we will be learning how to care for our pet and ensure it is happy and safe. We will observe how it changes as it grows. At the moment it is the size of drawing pin head... let's see how big it gets!
- Some mornings have been very foggy and frosty. The children are always excited to find ice in our garden! *How is ice made? What happens if you hold it in your hand? How does it change and why?*

HOME LEARNING!

Please continue to read and share stories with your child at home. We always start with a picture walk through and lots of discussion about what can be seen before attempting to decode the words. We appreciate your support.

Light in Celebrations!

Did you watch the St Albans Christmas lights being switched on?

Are you celebrating by putting lights in your house?

Do you know what a menorah is? How many lights does it have?

Have you seen a Christingle?
What does it tell us about Christmas?

Letters and Sounds

h b f ff l ll j v w x y z
zz qu

Practise these tricky words:

I no go to the
he be we she

Can you find any of these tricky words in your reading books?

Ideas:

- Sort it! After unwrapping your holiday gifts sort them by colour, shape and size.
- Advent calendars - Can you make your own? Guess which number comes next? Can you write all the teens numbers from your advent calendar?