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Our topic this week is 'Christmas', and we have been learning about advent.

Books we have read:

- Twinkly Twinkly Nativity
- The First Christmas
- Pip and Posy's Christmas Tree
- Busy Nativity
- The Jolly Christmas Postman
- Postman Bear
- Stick Man

Activities/provision this week:

- Bauble water tray - We filled the water tray with different sized baubles. The children used their gross motor skills to pick up and transport and scoop up the baubles.
- Decorating a Christmas tree - The children created a large Christmas tree picture by using colourful stickers to make the 'baubles'.
- Making reindeer food - The children each made their own 'reindeer food' to take home. They followed the recipe and scooped out the correct measurements of ingredients.
- Painting a Christmas tree - The children painted a Christmas tree picture together using cardboard tubes to make bauble shapes. They put the cardboard tubes in paint and then printed them onto the Christmas tree.
- Christmas tree lights display - The children made 'Christmas lights' by putting coloured cubes along black lines.

- Feeding the reindeers - The children 'fed' the reindeers by scooping up oats with spoons and putting them into the pretend reindeers mouth.
- Post Office craft area - The children have been making cards/letters for Santa to post in our post box.
- Santa's workshop - The children have been playing in Santa's sleigh, dressing up as festive elves etc. The children 'delivered' presents in the sleigh.
- Small world happy land Christmas - The children have been playing with Christmas happy land figures, buildings and fake snow.

Phonics: Body percussion

This term our phonics focus is Body Percussion! The children are learning to develop their awareness of sounds and rhythm. They have been using their bodies to make different sounds e.g. tapping, stomping, clicking, clapping. We have been practicing making sounds slow, fast, loud and quiet.

Maths:

The children have been learning how to:

- Try and guess the number of objects by just looking at them (1-5 objects)
- Recognise how many objects are in a group without having to count them one by one (1-5 objects).

After Christmas the topic will be: **Winter**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **winter books** to share at circle time.
- **We break up for Christmas on Friday 19th December, and we return on Monday 5th January.**

- **Applications for starting primary school in September 2026 open on 15th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.** The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'offer day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at the **Citizens Portal**.
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org