

## Christmas

This week we looked at the Christmas story in more detail. We shared with the children that the Nativity story and took some time to think about the gifts that the Wisemen gave to Jesus and thought of gifts we would give to a special baby. The children were really thoughtful and suggested gifts like a "a dummy" to help the baby calm down when they were sad and "a hat" to keep them warm and "toys" for them to play with.

In our Understanding of the world we conducted an investigation to explore 'melting'. We talked about the different ways we could melt the chocolate to make our krispie cakes and the children suggested putting the chocolate in the sun, in the oven and even using the heat from our hands after a whole class discussion!

We hope you had fun tasting them at home!!



**Home challenge:** Continue to explore the idea of melting and dissolving by making some jelly with your adults at home. How are going to melt the jelly cubes? What changes do you notice? Can you use scientific vocabulary such as solid, liquid and melting as you make the jelly?



## Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing:  
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## Phonics

From recent phonics assessments,, it was evident that the children are finding it tricky to embed the tricky words we have covered this term. Therefore this week we have spent lots of time recapping. We played tricky word bingo, fastest finger and even had a go at writing some of them, remembering why they are tricky.

**Home challenge:** Continue to practise reading and writing tricky words over the Christmas break. The list of tricky words is attached again

## Maths

This week in our maths learning, we have been working on composing and decomposing the numbers 3 and 4. We did this by splitting the 'whole' number into two 'parts'. For example 3 can be made up with 2 and 1, or 1 and 2.

**Home challenge:** Can you find all the ways to make the number 4? Can you represent this using toys or pictures or even number sentences?

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry