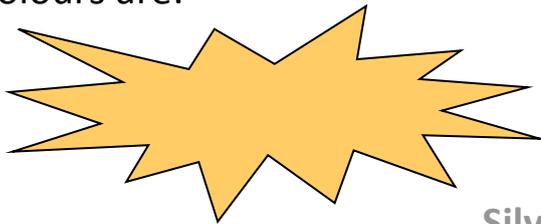


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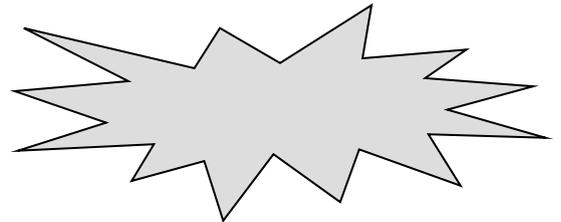
Our theme for December is:- Christmas



Our colours are:-



Gold



Silver

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## *Vocabulary linked to our theme.*

Please talk about these with your child:-



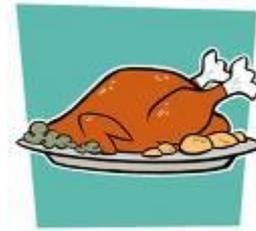
Christmas tree



Nativity



Angel



Turkey



Baubles



Cards



Holly



Presents

## Christmas songs / rhymes

### Three Kings

One king went riding down a bumpy road  
Following a star showing him the way to go  
It was a bumpy road, it was a bumpy road  
It was a bumpy, bumpy road!

Two kings went riding down a bumpy road  
Following a star showing them the way to go  
It was a bumpy road, it was a bumpy road  
It was a bumpy, bumpy road!

Three kings went riding down a bumpy road  
Following a star showing them the way to go  
It was a bumpy road, it was a bumpy road  
It was a bumpy, bumpy road!



### Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells Jingle Bells jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride in our one horse open sleigh  
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Oh what fun it is to ride in our one horse open sleigh

Christmas eve is here and we are off to bed  
As we climb the stairs we nod our sleepy heads  
We take our stockings off and hang them in a row  
Then jump quickly into bed and off to sleep we go

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Oh what fun it is to ride in our one horse open sleigh  
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### When Santa got stuck up the chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
He began to shout  
You girls and boys won't get any toys  
if you don't pull me out  
My beard is black, there's soot on my sack  
My nose is tickly too  
When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
Achoo achoo achoo



### Five Little Gingerbread Men(rhyme)

**Five** little gingerbread men lying on a tray,  
One jumped up and ran away.  
Shouting, 'Catch me, catch me, catch me if you can  
I'm really quick, I'm a gingerbread man!'

**Four** little gingerbread men lying on a tray .....

**Three** little gingerbread men .....

**Two** ..... **One**.....

**No** more gingerbread men lying on a tray,  
They all jumped up and ran away.  
Oh, how I wish they had stayed with me to play.  
Next time I'll eat them before they run away.



## **How you can help your child:-**

Suggestions as to how you can support your child at home to develop in the six areas of the nursery curriculum during December.

### **Personal, Social & Emotional development**

Encourage 'gentle hands' when they are playing with toys or with their family and friends. Talk to your child about people who have no homes and how we should help them, especially at Christmas time.

### **Language Development**

Recite our Christmas rhyme with your child. Read different versions of the story 'The Gingerbread Man' and ask your child to recall who ran after it, who did he meet first, last .....?

### **Early Mathematical Experiences**

Draw attention to, match, recognise or name the colours gold and silver and star shapes in the everyday environment. When wrapping presents show and talk about the different patterns and look for things indoors and outdoors that also have patterns on them. Compare the size / weight of presents and use the words – big, small; heavy, light.

### **The Arts**

Make some Christmas cards with your child – glue on gold tinsel or silver tin foil. Sing our Christmas songs with your child. Listen to Christmas music and encourage your child to shake a bunch of keys in time to the rhythm.

### **Physical Development & Movement**

Encourage your child to zip/unzip, button/unbutton their coat by themselves. Go to the park and have a go on all the play equipment.

### **The World Around Us**

Take your child into town, talk about what you see, hear, smell and why everyone is busy. Play 'feely' games – holly, tinsel, gingerbread man or wrap up a familiar toy - guess what it is by talking about the size, shape, weight, smell or how it feels.