

# The Christmas Star

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## This week in phonics...

We will be learning to read and write words containing the digraphs 'ck', 'qu', 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and 'ng'.

We are learning to read 'call', 'have' and 'said'.

## Why this 'theme'?

We have chosen this theme as a good hook into our learning around the Christmas Story and why this is an important time for Christians.

## This week in maths...

We will be using words to compare the weight and capacity of different objects.

## Skills Focus

**Understanding the World:** Sharing and talking about 'The Christmas Story'. Finding out about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** Learning about the Christmas Story through songs.

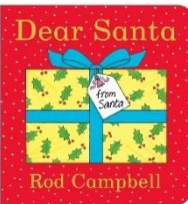
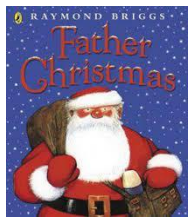
**PSED:** Learning about hygiene and the hand washing song.

## Key Vocab

**Understanding the World:** beliefs, Bible, celebration, Christian, Christmas, festivals, God, religions, symbols, country, different, similar, world,

**Expressive Arts and Design:** Sing, song, perform, loud

**PSED:** Hygiene, germs, clean, protect

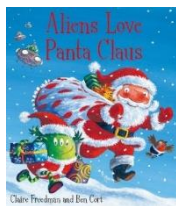
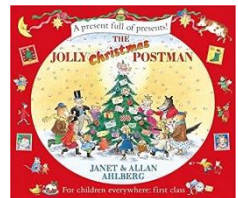


## Did you know...

Christmas trees were first used by Ancient Egyptians and Romans.

## I wonder...

Would you rather it was always your birthday or always Christmas? Why?



**Things your child can do at home:** Learn the song words for our Christmas show, write Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas, help to write Christmas cards, read Christmas books or watch Christmas films together.

**Homework:** Write a letter or card for a friend. Add their name, address and a stamp. Put it into a post box to send it to them.

## We are a Church of England School...

We say a prayer before lunch each day.

In our daily collective worship, we will be exploring this half-term's theme of 'Courage'  
This week's song: *Away in a Manger*

School Values:

Compassion • Courage • Responsibility



## Christmas cards

Our Christmas post box is up in the corridor ready for Christmas cards. Please make sure to add the class name onto the front of the envelope to help us get the cards to the right child.