



## Topaz News

We loved sharing our nativity play with our siblings and older friends in the school. The older children were so supportive and even sang along. I was so proud of all of the children in their performance. Even Santa had heard about their brilliant singing and popped in to hear them on Wednesday!



The weather has given us the opportunity to be curious about ice. We brought some very big pieces into the classroom to explore with magnifiers.

### **Letters and Sounds**

This week we have looked at digraphs **sh/ch/th/oo/ee/or**. These aren't on the keyrings yet but there is a sheet in their red books to help them learn them over the holidays. I know it is a very exciting holiday, but try to keep some sounds going so that when we get back we are ready to carry on with our learning.

In number we are going to be counting back so it would be good to get this going as well.

### **Things to collect over the holidays:**

Very big boxes needed in the first week for our project launch (bring on first day if possible)

Cardboard tubes

### **Changes to going home after the holidays**

When we come back in January we will bring the children out of the blue room door in the main playground. This will mean that all children can exit school under the supervision of their own class teacher. Please stand as close to the blue room door as you can so that we can see you easily. Please pass these arrangements onto anyone picking up your child. I will put a sign on the door to help on the first day back.

I would like to get reading helpers started in January, so if you are waiting to do this remind me of the day that suits you please.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year! *Sally Windmill*

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