



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are staying safe and well. We know that you are getting excited because Santa will be coming soon however we have some fun activities for you! There are enough activities for you to complete over the next three days.

Remember to log on to [Collins e-books](#), [Education City](#) and [Numbots](#) to embed your learning and have a go at the homework challenges which have been set for you on Education City. There is a folder on Education City called **Year 2 Christmas Homework** with lots of fun English, Maths and Science games for you to access.



If you have any questions, or can send photos of your work/ activities please contact us via email at year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk.

Remember to try your best!

Love from the Year 2 Team. x



This week we are learning about Christmas!



GROW HAPPY
Keeping safe, happy and healthy

PE

Don't forget to stay healthy by being active. Join in with this Christmas themed yoga session to keep yourself active! Click on the picture.



R Time



Be like Curious Ash

Enjoy being a detective and finding out new things. **Explore** and ask clever questions.

Go on – You **CAN** do it!!

Using R-Time manners

With someone in your family work together to draw a picture of a Gingerbread House. Take it in turns to draw parts of the picture. Support each other and say what your family member has done well.

We all have to look after ourselves, not just because of the current situation but all the time. Care for your body AND your mind. Remember to do some exercise every day.



I am a Reader
Read every day!

Reading every day is the key to your child's success.

Don't forget reading the same book more than once helps to build confidence and fluency.



Your child has been given their own password and logins for Big Cat Collins ebooks just like we have in school. Log in to read a new book or re-read your favourites.

Shared reading – Scroll down or click on the picture 'Saint Nicholas' reading comprehension. (At the end of this document. It can also be found on the Year 2 home learning page)

Answer the questions to show your understanding of what you have read.



I am Word Wise

Reading

Practise blending to read with all the graphemes we have learnt. These games are free to access from home on **Phonics Play**. Click on the pictures to go the website. Have a go at playing these games at phase 3, 4, 5 or 6.

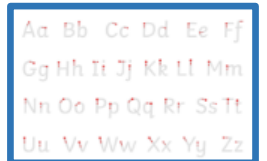


I am a Writer



Writing

- Handwriting: Practise your letter formation
Press here to see a poster to help you form letters correctly and start from the right place.
You could make it fun and draw them in snow (or sprinkled flour!)



- Click on the picture to take you to the Year 2 home learning page. Have a look at the power point all about Acrostic Poems.



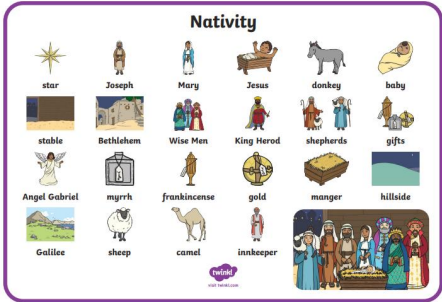
Using the Christmas word bank (either scroll down or click on the picture to get the resources on the school website), write a Christmas Acrostic Poem.

Choose a Christmas word, write the letters down the side of the page and write your poem. Look at my example;

Carol singing in the frosty air,
 Holly wreaths are everywhere.
 Reindeer galloping across the sky,
 Icy cold snowflakes twirling by.
 Stockings hang on the end of beds,
 Trees decorated in gold and reds.
 Mince pies ready, delicious and hot,
 A baby in a manger cot.
 Star that guides kings all the way ...
 Star that guides kings all the way ...
 that's Christmas Day!



- Thinking about our Nativity play, can you re-tell the Christmas Story to an adult? Now write 5 sentences about the story of Christmas. Scroll down or click on the word mat and it will take you to the Year 2 home learning page where you can see it enlarged.



- A New Year's resolution is a tradition, whereby a person decides to change something about themselves, their behaviour or they promise to continue to do something that is good or kind throughout the year. Perhaps to accomplish a personal goal. For example;
 - "I promise to read every day."
 - "I promise to keep my room clean and tidy."
 - "I promise to help with the jobs around the house."
 - "I promise to try new foods."
 - "I promise to walk to school every day."

Think about a New Year's resolution that you would like to make and one that you think you will be able to keep. It could be one of our School Behaviour Values. Find a nice piece of paper and write your promise in your neatest handwriting. You could decorate the boarder and hang it up in your room or stick it to the fridge to remind you every day. Look at my example;



POWER MATHS
 I am a
 Mathematician

We are working on Money this week. Please click on the links to the National Oak Academy this week.

Monday – Lesson 4 - Recognise the value of different coins and notes
<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/lessons/to-recognise-the-value-of-different-coins-and-notes-65j64e>

Tuesday – Lesson 5 – To Compare Different Amounts of Money
<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/lessons/to-compare-different-amounts-of-money-6gwk8c>

Wednesday – Lesson 6 – To use addition and Subtraction in the context of Money
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-use-addition-and-subtraction-in-the-context-of-money-cmv32c>



Challenge Time

- **I am an Artist:**
Create your own Christmas decoration using things you have around your house - eg. tin foil, kitchen roll, cotton wool, stickers. You could use things from your recycling like cereal boxes, kitchen / toilet roll tubes etc. Remember to make your decoration look beautiful by using pens, paints or collage it using a range of materials.

- **I am a Designer:**
Go on a Winter walk to your local park or go on a hunt in your garden. Can you make your own Christmas wreath using leaves, holly, ivy that you have foraged from your walk or garden?

Think about what the perfect Christmas dinner would be...it doesn't have to be the traditional turkey with all the trimmings. What would YOU like to have on YOUR plate at Christmas? Design and label a plate with YOUR perfect Christmas Dinner.

Make some delicious Minced Pies or Rudolph Cupcakes to leave for Santa on Christmas Eve. Click on picture to get the recipe and follow the instructions. Mmmmmm yummy!



- **I am a Musician:**
Which is your favourite Christmas song? Practise singing it and ask your adult to record you singing it on video. Can you add some of your own dance moves?
- **I am Geographer:**
Locate 'Lapland' on a map or a globe. Research 5 facts about Lapland and present them to your family. You could write them down or draw a picture.
- **I am Mathematician:**
Estimate how many Christmas baubles are on your tree. Write your estimation down on a piece of paper. Using tally marks, count every bauble on the tree. Careful counting!
Was your estimation correct?

*Remember tally marks are counted in 5's.
1, 2, 3, 4 ...shut the gate.



- **I am Scientist:**
Watch the **Winter Live** lesson from the BBC to learn all about the season of Winter. Click on the picture below to watch the video and take part in the activities. There are links on the BBC Winter Live website with resources to support your learning. Can you draw your own weather symbols and present the daily weather forecast to your family?





****Enjoy a hot chocolate with your family and listen to 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.
Click on the picture.



Use these words to help your child develop a positive attitude to learning:

Determined

Keep trying

Reach for the stars

Can you think of another way?

Saint Nicholas

Who was Saint Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas was a very kind person who enjoyed giving gifts to other people. Saint Nicholas grew up sharing toys with his friends that his parents had bought him. When he was old enough he worked in the church, sharing gifts and messages from God. Stories about Saint Nicholas travelled around the world. People were amazed by his kindness.

Names for Saint Nicholas around the world

- Santa Claus in the USA.
- Père Noël in France.
- Kanakaloka in Hawaii.
- Father Christmas in the UK.

Saint Nicholas normally gave his gifts at night whilst people were asleep so that it would surprise them in the morning. He didn't want them to say thank you to him, he just wanted to help them and make them happy.

It is believed that Saint Nicholas now lives in the North Pole with his reindeer and elves. He has a workshop where he makes toys and presents for children all around the world. On Christmas Eve, he sets off in his sleigh to deliver all of the gifts. He is helped on his way by his nine magical reindeer; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.

Did you know?

- On Christmas Eve, Saint Nicholas delivers presents to 90 million children.
- Rudolph was added to the reindeer team one Christmas Eve during a bad snowstorm. Rudolph, with his glowing red nose, lit the way to make sure that all of the presents were delivered in time.
- His sleigh travels at around 671 million miles per hour!



Saint Nicholas Questions

1. Where did Saint Nicholas work?

2. What is Saint Nicholas called in Hawaii?

3. When does Saint Nicholas normally give presents?

4. Name three of Saint Nicholas' reindeer.

5. How fast does his sleigh travel?

6. How did Rudolph help Saint Nicholas?

Christmas



holly



cracker



bauble



candy cane



wreath



candle



present



snowman



Santa



mince pie



Christmas tree



Christmas pudding



turkey



sleigh



reindeer



Nativity



star



Joseph



Mary



Jesus



donkey



baby



stable



Bethlehem



Wise Men



King Herod



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Angel Gabriel



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Galilee



sheep



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