

Please complete each activity to support your learning at home;

Nursery Home Learning Christmas



Dear Santa

This Home Learning grid encourages you to join in with activities based upon the story 'Dear Santa.'



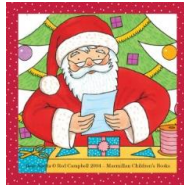
Watch this link to listen to the story being read;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OzGw-0fw_c

Talk to your grown up about the story...

Questions to think about;

- Do you have a favourite part of the story?
- What did Santa send?
 - Listen to the story again.. can you remember some of the presents that Santa had wrapped before the flap is lifted?
 - What would you like for Christmas?



Santa's searchers

Create your own Santa searchers to try and spot Santa and his elves.

Some ideas of resources you could use from around the home;
Cardboard tubes,
Pom-poms,
Sequins,
Cotton wool,
Buttons.



Patterns

Santa used lots of different patterned wrapping paper in our 'Dear Santa' story.

What patterns can you find around your home?

Have a look in your wardrobe to see if you can find any patterns e.g. Spots, stripes, animal print.



Salt dough decorations

1. Make your salt dough

Mix flour and salt together in a bowl and then slowly add water. If your salt dough is too sticky add more flour.

2. Roll out the salt dough

Roll the salt dough into a ball and flatten it either using the palm of your hand or a rolling pin.

3. Use a cutter or make a handprint in the salt dough

4. Cut around the salt dough cutter or handprint

5. Make a hole for hanging your salt dough ornament



Write a Letter to Santa



Santa has been in touch and has said how sensible you all have been. He has seen that you have all made lots of good choices and that you all love to learn at Nursery.

Santa's elves are all busy making Christmas presents for you, your family and friends. He has asked that you make him a list of things that you would like for Christmas.

Can you create a letter to Santa with all of your Christmas wishes?

You can make your letters to Santa as decorative as you wish.. You could even cut out pictures from catalogues of your Christmas wishes and glue them onto your paper.



Collect a range of natural objects e.g. sticks, leaves and acorns. Ask an adult to create a pattern.

Can you . . .
 Copy the pattern? Say what the pattern is?
 Create your own pattern?
 Continue the pattern?



Can you make any
 Christmas patterns using
 objects from around your home. Mrs Ballinger used
 Christmas baubles to make her pattern!

What's in the stocking?

Ask your grown up to choose a variety of objects and
 place them into a stocking. (You could also use a bag,
 a pillowcase or a box and cover it over with a cloth).

Then place a hand inside. Can you guess what the
 object is from your sense of touch?

How does it feel? Soft, hard, bumpy, smooth?

Does it have any points, edges, corners? Is it round?

Take the object
 from the stocking.
 Were you right?

How many objects
 did you guess
 correctly?



6. Baking salt dough

Place the salt dough in the oven for a few hours (until the salt
 dough has completely dried out) at
 about 100 degree (celsius).



Alternatively, you can leave the salt dough
 to dry out in a warm room.

Z. Decorate your salt dough design.

Alternatively, you could use our 'Dear Santa' writing
 template below:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-269-letter-to-santa>

Don't forget to leave it
 somewhere that Santa
 will be able to find it 😊



Create your own reindeer food



To set up the magic reindeer food bar; fill bowls with oats
 and sprinkles. Add a small amount of each of the magic
 reindeer food ingredients into your bag.

Then on Christmas Eve...

*"Make a wish and close your eyes tight,
 Then sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve night,
 As Santa's reindeer fly and roam,
 This will guide them to your home."*



The Christmas Story

Listen to the Christmas story and talk about how the
 characters were feeling?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrTFAZPQxpE>

The Three Wise Men followed
 a star to find the stable
 where the baby Jesus lay. Have
 a look at the stars with
 a grown-up. Can you find the
 brightest star? What else
 can you see in the night sky?



Developing early writing skills



Ask an adult to write your name on a piece of paper. Use a cotton bud or use your finger to paint, following the lines and creating your name using spots.

Continue to practise writing your name each day.



Reindeer Food Writing Tray



We love reading and sharing stories.

When looking at books talk to your grown-ups about the pictures. What is happening in the story?

What is your favourite story at home?



Christmas time is a time to think about ways we can be kind and helpful to others. Find a way that you can help someone in your family.



We wish you a merry Christmas,



And a Happy New Year.

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