

November and December Nursery Rhymes

November

Leaves are falling,
Winter's calling,
We are thankful
For our friends
NOVE-M-BER
Its November once again



Winter Animals

Winter is cold
There is snow in the sky
The squirrel gathers nuts
And the wild geese fly
The fluffy red fox
Has his fur to keep warm
The bear's in her cave
Sleeping through the storm

Winter

(sung to the tune of 'This Old Man')

Feel the chill

In the air

It is getting cold out there

With a windy whoosh the leaves are on
the ground,

Soon snow will be coming down.

Father Christmas

(To the tune of Frere Jacques)

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He got stuck

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Coming down the chimney

Coming down the chimney

What bad luck!

What bad luck!

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh



Early in December

This is the way we look for a tree,
look for a tree, look for a tree.

This is the way we look for a tree,
Early in December

This is the way we chop the tree,
chop the tree, chop the tree.

This is the way we chop the tree,
Early in December

This is the way we carry it home,
carry it home, carry it home.

This is the way we carry it home,
Early in December

This is the way we stand it up,
Stand it up, stand it up

This is the way we stand it up,
Early in December

This is the way we make it pretty,
Make it pretty, make it pretty,

This is the way we make it pretty,
early in December



Tullygally Nursery Newsletter

November and December 2019

We hope that you all enjoyed the Halloween break, and are ready for what will be a busy few months. Thank you for supporting your child by attending the recent parent / Teacher meetings– it was lovely to have time to reflect on our busy and successful settling in period. We will meet with you again in February to discuss your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us at any time. We are looking forward to what will be a very busy time leading up to Christmas.

General Information

Thank you for your continuing support regarding the allergies in our nursery. We realise that it can be a little more time consuming to check products for nuts / peanuts etc. but we do appreciate your cooperation.



Topic Information

Our new topics for November and December are Cold Lands and Christmas. We will be learning about people and animals living in cold places. We will be talking about hot and cold, exploring and experimenting as we play. We will be getting the nursery ready for our Christmas Fayre, and having fun making our own decorations.



Reminder

We need:

- A full change of clothes (labelled) to be kept in school- you will find a bag on your child's peg. This stays in school. Please don't bring any other bags as we have limited space.
- A box of tissues

Snack and Dinner Money

Snack-£2.00 per week

Dinner-£2.50 per day
(£12.50 per week)

This is payable on a Monday

Nursery and Primary 1 Applications for September 2020

Online applications for nursery and primary 1 for September 2020 open on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12noon, and close on Thursday 30th January at 12noon. **ALL CHILDREN MUST APPLY FOR A NURSERY OR PRIMARY PLACE FOR NEXT YEAR DEPENDING ON THEIR AGE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR NURSERY AND WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF NURSERY.**

Big Bedtime Read

This is now our third year of participating in the Big Bedtime Read as part of the Getting Ready to Learn programme. The programme focusses on raising parent's awareness of how they can support children's learning at home through-out the pre-school year. This year, we will be receiving additional funding for three new themes :

- Education Works in Pre-school
- Happy Healthy Kids
- Ages & Stages, 3-4

We are delighted to be launching our Big Bedtime Read on Thursday 28th November at the Christmas Fayre and Open Evening from 6-8pm. We will be running an information session for parents and guardians in the Nursery during this evening— more information to follow. We will also outline the other programmes we will be following as part of the Getting Ready to Learn initiative. To celebrate the launch, you will receive an information pack which will give you some more information about the programme. We will also be holding an information evening on the night of the Christmas Fayre, so please drop in and have a chat with the staff.

Each week on library day, your child will be given a bag containing 3 books and resources home on a Thursday and Friday (this will be hung on their coat peg to be taken home) and you will then return on the following Wednesday or Thursday (depending on your child's class)- again you hang it on their peg and we will exchange it before home time. Each bag is labelled with pictures of the contents- please ensure that all books and resources are returned in the bag. If you forget the bag, please return it the following week on library day- no new bag will be given out until the previous one has been returned.

If you do lose a bag or any books or resources, please let us know so that we can replace them. We will also be inviting parents and guardians to visit the nursery for 'Stay and Read' sessions in the week of 16th December— more information to follow.

We will be issuing a baseline questionnaire- another one will follow in the New Year to track progress. Please complete this as it helps us to track out progress.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday 28th November. There will be stalls in the main hall selling lots of different things, as well as drinks and snacks. Each class will also be selling the Christmas crafts that we have made with the children. All proceeds go towards school funds.

This is also an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to explore the main school. All classrooms will be open for you and your child to meet the staff and see around our lovely school. This event is also open to anyone outside of the school, so please tell anyone you know who might be interested.

Christmas Nativity Play

On the mornings of Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December, we will be performing alongside Primary 1-3 as part of the Christmas Nativity play. Tickets will be available from the Main School Staffroom from Monday 2nd December at 9a.m.—parents must buy these in person, please do not send money into school with your child. Tickets will be limited to two per family initially due to health and safety reasons. On Monday 9th December, any unsold tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Curriculum Information

Our pre-school curriculum follows the six different areas:

- The Arts
- Language Development
- Early Mathematical Experiences
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Movement
- The World Around Us

This month we will be focusing on the area of Language Development, one of the six different curriculum areas.

“Language development is crucial to living and learning: to communicate with others, to share and express feelings, to give and obtain information, and to understand ideas and develop thoughts.” Curricular Guidance for Pre School

For further information

School Holidays 2019-2020

Dates for Diary—School Closures (Inclusive)

23rd December 2019– 6th January 2020

17th-21st February 2020

17th March 2020

6th-17th April 2020

8th May 2020

25th-26th May 2020



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 27th December-Christmas Fayre and Big Bedtime Read launch– 6.00-8.00pm
- Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December– School Nativity Play, 10a.m
- Week Beginning Monday 16th December- Stay and read sessions
- Friday 20th December- School finishes for Christmas at 12pm for all children– no dinners served this day.
- Tuesday 7th January– Applications open for Nursery and Primary 1 places
- Thursday 30th January-Applications close for Nursery and Primary 1 places