



Tormead
Prep

Reception Newsletter



THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

What a wonderful week it has been! The first day of Advent brought lots of excitement for Christmas and the girls have been getting into the spirit after hanging their decorations on the Christmas tree.

Our Learning

This week we have:

- ★ Learnt about plurals and adding 's'.
- ★ Recapped phonemes learnt and completed activities involving blending and segmenting.
- ★ Continued to read and discuss the Christmas Story.
- ★ Explored 2D shapes in more detail and practised reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20.
- ★ Completed some lovely Christmas colouring.
- ★ Explored changes that 'winter' brings.
- ★ Performed our Nativity to the Prep School and to all our guests. We really hope that you enjoyed it.
- ★ **Tricky words** – words that the girls learn to read by sight. This week, we have focused on: **we**, **me** and **be**. Please continue to look at these at home when reading.

Next week we will:

- ★ Sequence and write sentences related to *The Christmas Story*.
- ★ Recap sounds already learnt and complete phonic activities.
- ★ Explore Christmas traditions from around the world.
- ★ Write and make Christmas cards.
- ★ Decorate our salt dough Christmas tree decorations.
- ★ Christmas maths - explore patterns and addition and subtraction.
- ★ Christmas painting.
- ★ Attend the Prep Carol Service.

Our Books of the Week:

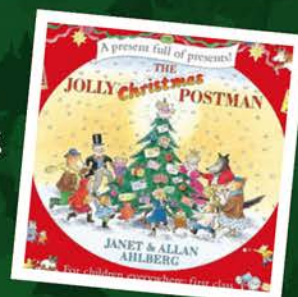
The Jolly Christmas Postman

By Allan Ahlberg (author) and Janet Ahlberg



The Christmas Story

By Ian Beck



For Your Information

- The role play area will now be transformed into a 'Christmas Post Office' and sparkles are appearing everywhere.
- Please feel free to send in Christmas cards for the children to post to their friends in our role play post office area.

Suggested Literacy activities:

- Writing Christmas cards or Christmas letters.
- Pretend to be Geraldine (our phonics giraffe) – what can you find around the house that begins with...? Can you find anything with sh, ch and th?

Suggested Maths activities:

- Solve real-life sharing – can you share the biscuits so that everybody has the same? If you had 6 biscuits, how many would you have if you shared them between yourself and two friends?
- Find patterns around the house or in the environment (stripes, spots etc) or look for shapes everywhere you go? Look at buildings in the town and shapes of packets and items in the home.











**Thank you so much for your support.
Wishing you all a festive weekend.**