

# Gems Nursery newsletter



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

## **Mathematical development**

The children have been looking at different sizes and patterns on socks. Talking about the shapes and colours on them and matching to make a pair.

Outside the children have been finding different types and sizes of leaves. Reinforcing the language we have been learning including big, small, long, tall and short.

They have been practising their counting skills through singing the song 'Five Little Snowmen'.

## **Literacy development**

The children have been joining in with the stories 'Dear Santa' and 'Whatever Next' as our stories of the week. They have also been listening to the story 'The First Christmas' about when baby Jesus was born.

Also they have been making marks and copying letter shapes for Christmas cards and letters to Santa.

The children have been busy mark making on forms, envelopes, stickers and postcards to post in our nursery post box in our role play Post Office.

## **Reminders**

Please name all your child's clothes and belongings so if they go missing they can be returned.

Thank you for the snack contributions as a result the children have eaten ham wraps, breadsticks, cucumber, bananas, crackers with cheese spread.

The weather is turning chilly and wet so please ensure your child has a coat and wellington boots.

Please do not leave pushchairs in our covered area as this set up for the children to play and learn.

Could we please ask that any money is put in a **named envelope**.

**Please look out for a letter coming home about your child's party day.**

## **Busy learning**

The children have been busy practising for their Christmas Performance of 'The First Christmas'. They had a dress rehearsal last week which went very well. The children put on a fabulous show on Monday and Tuesday for all the parents and carers.

The children have been practising saying 'please' and 'thank you' so please could you reinforce them using their manners at home.

We have also started looking for signs of Winter outside.