

Christmas has well and truly arrived in F2, and the excitement is building! This week, we had a very special visitor - our Christmas elf made a surprise appearance and left us a wonderful gift. The elf brought us a brand-new story to enjoy, along with something very important... a list titled "The Nice List." To the children's delight, *every single name* in F2 was on it! The children were so proud and carefully posted the list into our magical post box, hoping it would travel all the way to Santa at the North Pole.

We then settled down to read the story the elf had left for us 'Dear Santa', which sparked lots of excitement, discussion, and Christmas cheer. It was a truly magical moment and a lovely way to begin our festive celebrations in F2.



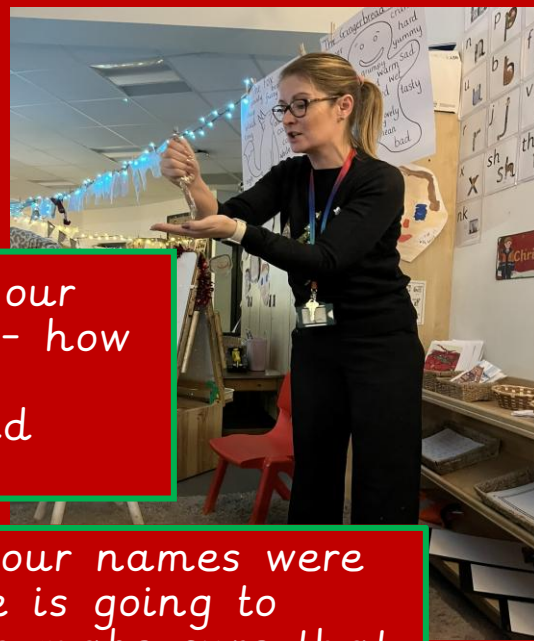


In the story, Santa gets lots of the presents wrong, which led to some great discussion. The children began brainstorming ways they could help Santa make sure the right gifts go to the right children. Louie said "we could write him a letter" and Pixie added to this by saying "we can post it to the North Pole".

Mrs Wilkinson said that when we write our letter we need to ask for things politely- how can we do that? Tommy said "We need to say please and thankyou!"

This then led us to discuss how all of our names were on the nice list and Elliot said that he is going to "follow the golden rules all the time" to make sure that he stays on the nice list!"

The children also realised that Santa could not possibly make all of these presents by himself and that he needed help! Ella said "he has help from his elves".





We have been making the most of the chilly Christmas weather by getting outside and active. Wrapped up warm, the children loved taking part in lots of festive outdoor learning. They worked together to build their own sleighs and pretended to help Santa by delivering and dropping off his sack of presents. We also had a festive tuff spot where the children had a go at chopping sprouts, as well as developing their fine motor skills through tipping and pouring water outside. Even in the cold, outdoor play has been a fantastic way for the children to explore, learn, and enjoy the magic of Christmas together.



In the unit the children have also loved dressing up as elves and Santa, fully immersing themselves in imaginative play in Santa's workshop. They worked together to wrap presents, carefully choosing paper and writing gift tags, and talking about who the gifts might be for.



We had a fantastic time at our Christmas Disco. The children loved dancing along to festive music, showing off their best moves, and joining in with lots of Christmas songs. There were big smiles and laughter as the children danced with their friends and enjoyed the fun. The disco was a wonderful way to celebrate the season together and create special Christmas memories in EYFS. What a joyful way to end the term!

Our Polar Express Day was full of magic and cosy moments! The children snuggled up with comfy pillows and blankets as we all gathered together to watch the enchanting story of The Polar Express. To make the day even more special, we enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate and tasty party snacks- the perfect end to our festive day!

