



## Head of School's Message

Christmas festivities have started at Oxhey this week, we have seen Christmas trees adorned with decorations from our children's homes. Hunts to find the Christmas treasure with help from the elves who provided a few clues, then a lot of Merry messy play in both rooms at the end of the week. We also had a visit from our parents who shared their experience of St Nicholas Day which is a celebration in countries with either German, Dutch or Ukrainian heritage. Looking forward to seeing you all next week at the Winter Workshops - don't forget to sign up.



## KEYWORDS

We are growing our children's vocabulary by carefully selecting words that will support their understanding of current learning. Keypersons will explicitly introduce the words to their groups then all staff in the room will be using these words throughout the sessions each day.

### How to support your child at home:

- Ask your child about these words.
- Ask your child to say their keywords using these words at home in your conversations (sign - where possible!)

Regular exposure to these words at home and at school will maximise the chances of the words being understood and / or used by your child.

**Please do share these words with your child in your home language.**

### Nursery School

#### BUSY FINGERS

Pinch

Finger

Thumb

### Willow

#### PHONICS

Matching

Sound

Listen

## HOME LEARNING PACKS

Each Wednesday, the packs will be found outside main reception. There is a display to show you which group's turn it is and a signing out folder for each pack.

Please return all packs into the return's basket so staff can check and stock up any resources.

Next Wednesday the borrowing groups are:

Busy Fingers - Hedgehog & Dormouse

Story Bags - Robin

Maths Pack - Woodpecker

## DATES COMING UP:

Please refer to Winter Dates Communications for Dates over December at Oxhey

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th December - Winter Workshops

Monday 16th December - Christmas Songs

Wednesday 18th December - Wear it Festive! - more information to follow - and a visit from a very special Christmas visitor.....

Friday 20th December - Sticky Snowman

Monday 23rd December - Monday 6th January 2025: Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Spring Term Begins

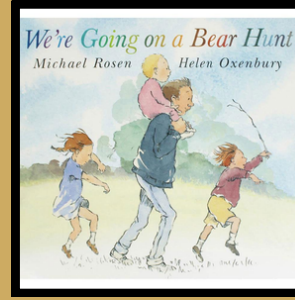
# Book & Rhyme of the Week

## NURSERY ROOM



This week in Nursery is our final week for, 'Clean Up'. The children will be making their own versions of the story through innovation. Our Rhyme focus remains that of our Christmas Songs, which will be shared in a separate email for you to practise at home.

## WILLOW ROOM



Willow room will continue with 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' this week but they will be imitating the story and seeing just how much they can remember of the story and vocabulary associated with it. As in Nursery children will be practising their Christmas Songs, look out for an email that shares the lyrics and tune

## SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!

We are delighted to share that Gemma Williamson, one of our Executive Headteachers and the Federation SENDCo, won the National Nursery Management team 'SENDCo of the year' award!



This incredible achievement highlights the dedication, passion, and tireless efforts that all of our staff teams put into in supporting all children and families, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.



We are so proud to have all the hard work on inclusive practice across Roots Federation recognised. We will continue to make vast improvements in this important area, pushing boundaries and ensuring no child is left behind.



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