## 04/12/23-08/12/23

## **PRESCHOOL HEADLINES** OUR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Being rather wet and cold all week, we have been spending much more time indoors. We do still go outside as much as we can cope with though, as we all need a run around at some point! We have been providing the children with warm water to play with outside, as it doesn't seem to matter how cold it is, they will find the tiniest puddle and try to extract as much water out of it as possible for the mud kitchen!

Christmas has landed at Preschool and the children have loved decorating and un-decorating and re-decorating the Christmas Tree in the Summer House. We have been listening to lots of music recently and some of the dance moves on display have been wonderful, the children are obviously warming up for their Christmas Party in a couple of weeks time!

The Christmas Crafts are being finished and the Nativity rehearsals are in full swing. There is so much going on!

The practitioners are still very much following the interests of the children however, and this week, we have been enjoying learning about farms, playing with the farm animals and reading Old McDonald Had a Farm and That's Not My Tractor.

We have continued to count objects this week, working on one to one correspondence (pointing at one thing at a time as we count) and also subitising (recognising 1, 2 or 3 things without counting). Please do continue to practise these skills at home as all Maths work is extremely valuable.

We have also been practising pencil hold and pattern formations in our mark making. We have got some new pencil grips which help the children hold their pencils in a secure and strong position and it has been fun seeing them start to use them in their work.