



 Caterpillar Kids

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

What did we get up to this month?  
Take a look!

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## WHAT WE LEARNED

December is in the middle of Winter and we learned some new songs about this season especially Christmas songs for our concert. We spoke about nature at this time of year and how a lot of little animals are fast asleep. We put up our Christmas tree and during circle time we all had a chance to tell our friends about how beautiful our trees at home were. Ollie Fryc told us he had a grey star on top of his tree which was shiny. We call this silver. We did picture letters for Santa and posted them in a big red box. We learned how the postal system works and we know that Santa got our letters because he sent back replies. Everyone made the nice list except Lei, because she frightened Santa when he came to visit us.



## WHAT WE MADE

In December we made lots of glittery, shiny decorations for our classroom tree. Lei drew a huge Santa and we all helped to paint and decorate him. Lei gave him a pair of binoculars so he didn't miss any silliness. We also made a fireplace for our concert and hung the stockings we made on top. We made snowmen and gingerbread men and Catherine helped us to make a bauble with our photo on it for our tree at home.



## OUR FAVOURITE THING

We had great fun in December preparing for Christmas, putting up and decorating the tree, learning songs and making lovely things to bring home. We went on an adventure to Parteen school for their Christmas concert which was amazing. Our very favourite thing was Santa's visit. He gave us lovely presents and we sang songs for him.



## WHAT WE LEARNED

Christmas is here and we had loads of learning fun this month. We made headbands, and learned Christmas songs to put on a Christmas Show for our mummies and daddies.

We posted letters to Santa and got a reply! Elfie dropped them off when Santa visited.

We had fun outside playing on a Reindeer obstacle course, have been learning all about Rudolph and his friends and had fun being reindeer.



## WHAT WE MADE

We were so busy this month making decorations for our tree, and a Santa's beard Advent Calendar, covering a number on his beard every day. We made beautiful wreaths for our wall, we made them the same way we made our Splat monsters, with a hammer, cotton and paint, it was fun.

We made treat bags for the toy show and magic reindeer food for Christmas Eve.

We had so much fun with our Tuff Tray this month, making snow that felt so fluffy and soft and magic Christmas potions using Christmas herbs and leaves.

## OUR FAVOURITE THING

We had so many favourite moments this month, but our favourites were going to Parteen School and watching their Christmas Show, and of course our visit from Santa!



## BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Alex, Hugo, Conor and Cian's birthday. Happy Birthday!



## WHAT WE LEARNED

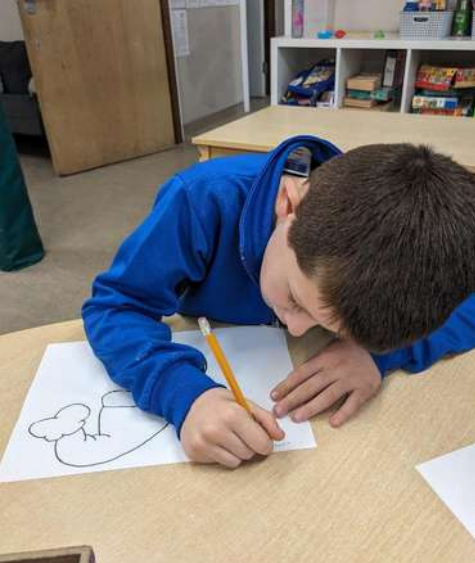
We got creative and made some Christmas-themed comics for our wall! First, we wrote our stories, then illustrated and coloured our comics. We had lots of fun bringing our ideas to life.

We also enjoyed playing with a winter village Tuff Tray filled with snow, cars, and trains. We even made cinnamon and ginger scented playdough for us and the pre-schoolers to play with – it smelled amazing!

Outside, we danced along to Just Dance, choosing our favourite songs and practising our best moves.

We also wrote beautiful letters for Santa, with thoughtful messages and colourful pictures. We sat together as a group and worked on spelling words for our letters. Sometimes we didn't even need help from our teachers, as our friends were happy to help each other out – great teamwork!

Finally, we posted our letters into our very own post box that we made.



# AFTERSCHOOL

## WHAT WE MADE

We had lots of fun using our imaginations and creativity to make our Christmas decorations! We painted pictures, made cards, and even tried a little bit of sewing to decorate bubbles. We created so many lovely things and had a wonderful time decorating our Christmas tree and classroom together.



## OUR FAVOURITE THING

We had lots of fun with Elfie this month! He always had a surprise waiting for us every morning. One day he tried to build us a snowman – but it melted! He even got stuck in the Spider-Man web after playing together.

We were counting down the days to our most-wished-for visit: Santa! We talked with Santa and had our photos taken with him. He was such a kind and lovely old fella, and it was so nice of him to bring us presents. Hooray for Santa Claus!

## BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Mason, Amelija and Platon's Birthday. Happy Birthday!








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# THAT'S ALL FOR DECEMBER!

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*We'll see you next month!*

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