



Grasshoppers Weekly Newsletter

Week Beginning 1st December

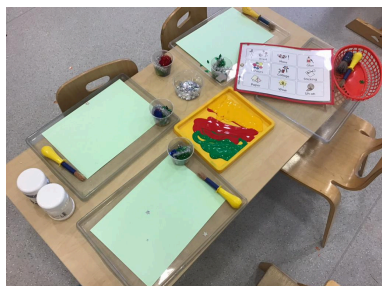


Christmas Festivities Begin!

What a wonderful week we've had in Grasshoppers as we kick off the Christmas celebrations. The children have been busy exploring festive activities across all areas of play, and it's been a joy to see their creativity and excitement shine.

AREAS:

- On our messy table wooden trees and baubles have been a big hit, helping children practice **fine motor skills** and **hand-eye coordination** as they hang the baubles onto the trees.
 - Christmas card making has begun on table time. With **paint, glue, and glitter**, the children explored textures and techniques—sprinkling, splashing, and even tasting the safe paint. Each child approached the activity in their own unique way, showing how differently they engage with messy play.



Floor Time: Exploring Instruments

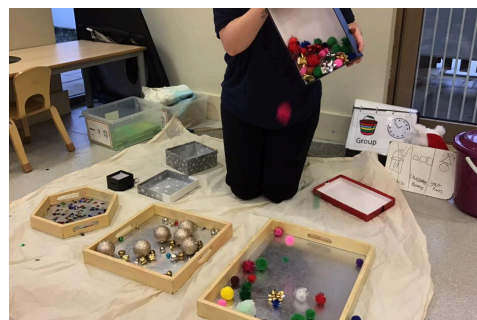
We introduced a variety of instruments this week. Playing with instruments supports:

- Listening skills** – tuning into different sounds.
- Coordination** – using hands and fingers to create rhythms.
- Self-expression** – experimenting with sound and music.
- Social skills** – sharing instruments and making music together.



Group Time

- The adults opened **three different sized boxes** filled with glitter pom poms and bells, watching them drop and fall.
- They sprinkled rice onto a **xylophone**, listening carefully to the sounds it made.





- Stage 3 brought lots of laughter as the children wore hats and sang the **Hat Song**. They were offered two hats, encouraging them to make their own choices.



Designing Christmas Tree

One of the highlights this week has been the children designing their own Christmas trees. They loved putting decorations on and taking them off, and this activity proved to be extremely engaging and fun for many of them.



Reminders

- **Collection:** Please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child so we can prepare them.
- **Illness Policy:**
 - Sickness/diarrhea: Children must remain at home for **48 hours** after the last bout.
- We've had a lot of illness among staff and children this week, so we are being extra vigilant with **hand washing and hygiene**.



Closing Note

It's been a festive, creative, and musical start to December in Grasshoppers. We're looking forward to more Christmas fun next week!