



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER  
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**We made it!**

We've had a jam-packed week full of fun! We've been dancing, eating party food, making Christmas cards and wrapping paper alongside all our usual learning. Our Christmas party showcased some talented dancers and fabulous outfits; we really danced our socks off! Forest School was a lovely treat to finish the term. We made a home for a hedgehog, looked at the contents of owl pellets (we found a skull and a mouse's tail!) and ate yummy, toasted marshmallows round a fire mmmm! Mr Hadfield yet again commented on how well behaved the children were.



**Our learning this week**

Alongside all the Christmas magic, we have continued our phonics work this week with the digraphs **oo** (book) and **oo** (moon). We have recapped the tricky words **go, no, I, to, the, into, we, me, be** and tried to write **no, go** and **to** from memory. We have revisited our sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, c, d, m, o, g, k, e, u, r, g, ck, h, b, f, ff, ss, l, ll, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, ng, th, ai** and **ee**. We have also been using phoneme frames to help us break down and write cvc words. See if the children can remember the different actions and sounds for all the digraphs, we have learned so far.

In maths, we have been talking about numbers that are less than other numbers. We had a visit from the 'less than monkey, who cheekily takes 1 away from a set of objects. We talked about how one less means that a set of objects gets smaller and how we have to move backwards down a number line. We have worked on rapid recall of one less by showing a numeral and the children calling out the number, which is one less. See if they can do it for you!



In P.E this week, we had to travel along a piece of rope in different ways. We then had to jump onto the mats and make the shape of different letters.

In Spanish, we made Christmas cards and practised wishing each other Happy Christmas in Spanish.

**No homework!**

Please have a rest this Christmas, eat too much chocolate, play games, read stories and come back ready for the new term in January.

## Lunches

When we return in January, we will be on **week 2** on the lunch menu.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle each day as the children use these at lunchtime as well as during the day.

## Happy Christmas

Thank you so much for all your kind words, cards and generous gifts. We're feeling the Christmas love!

The children definitely deserve a big rest over the Christmas holidays. We are so proud of how they have embraced school and all the challenges we have offered.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

Mrs Richardson   Mrs Gillett   Mrs Baynes   Mrs Eccles



## Contacting us

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at [earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact the office at [admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)