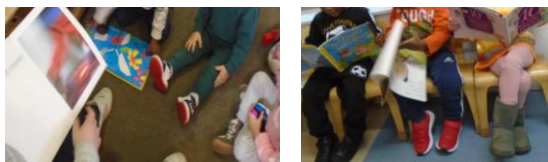


News and updates from Rainforest, Seashore and Desert Rooms

November and December 2025

Desert and Seashore Room- Core Books



Children have listened to core books being read such as 'Naughty Bus' which has further developed and enriched their communication and language skills particularly during role play.

Desert and Seashore Room

Sensory and Creative Play -Painting



When painting, children enjoy a rich sensory-led experience and the sense of wonder and process of change that comes from mixing colours.

Desert, Seashore and Rainforest Room

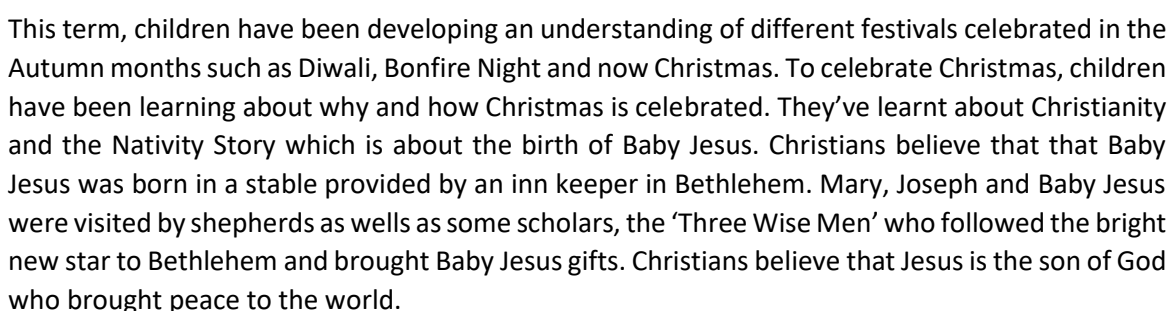
Core Book - The Gingerbread Man

'The Gingerbread Man' has been fun to act out both inside and outside. Children have joined in with the repeated refrain, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!" They enthusiastically used props and puppets to act out the story. This week, each classroom baked Gingerbread People. Children were supported to follow a recipe, using scales to measure ingredients. They also learnt about the importance of washing hands before baking or eating their delicious Gingerbread People. Children have continued to enjoy reading the story during free-flow play as well as making their own unique Gingerbread Men from playdough using cutters. They've been keen to talk through ideas, recall parts of the story and retell the story in their own words.

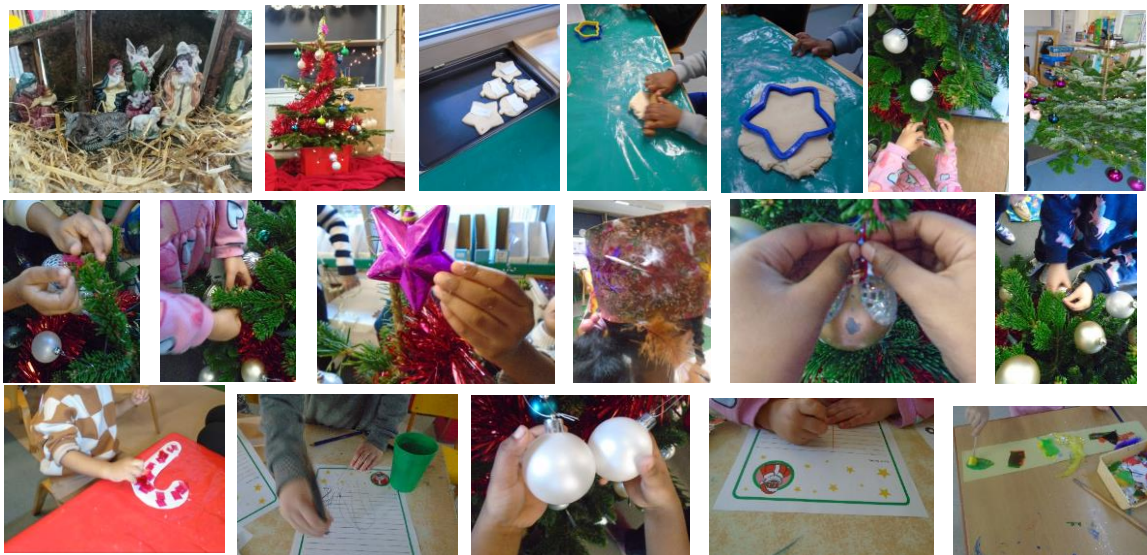


Desert, Seashore and Rainforest Room Festivals

Christmas



In class, the children have been involved in Christmas activities, writing letters to Santa, making salt dough decorations as well as paper chains, decorating the Christmas tree and singing festive songs. Children have been sharing their experiences of preparing for Christmas as well as their excitement about Santa. Children and families came to the Christmas Singalong where everyone sang festive songs, danced to music and enjoyed some refreshments. The children have been learning to sign along to Christmas songs using Makaton actions which supports and reinforces communication and language skills. It's has been wonderful to come together to create the festive mood particularly with children and staff dressing up in Christmas jumpers. Full time children enjoyed a lovely traditional Christmas lunch with lots of healthy vegetables such as parsnips, sprouts and carrots. The children loved dancing to music at the Christmas party, sitting together to enjoy snacks and refreshments and having fun playing party games such as 'Musical Chairs'.



Our Christmas Singalong



A huge thank you to all families who came to our Christmas Singalong. It was a wonderful event for everyone who celebrated by singing Christmas songs, dancing to music, playing party games and having a raffle. We also appreciate your generous contributions of food and drink for the children's Christmas parties.

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December

Christmas Holiday Break Autumn Term
Mon 22nd December – Fri 2nd January

Children Return to Nursery
Tuesday 6th January

Parent Conference Day
Friday 13th March 2026

Parent Mail

Please do make sure we have your updated contact details including email addresses. Communication to families is regularly sent through Parent Mail.

FINAL REMINDER – Primary Admissions

A final reminder to the parents of children who will be going to Reception classes next year (i.e. children born between 1st Sept 2021 and 31st Aug 2022) – the online primary school application has to be completed by **15th January 2026** so please apply for schools as soon as possible:

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>

If you need any help or support, please talk to your child's key person.



Warm Clothes

Now the weather is much colder, please make sure your children have enough clothes to keep warm. Encourage your children to practise putting on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens by themselves. It is important that they learn to be as independent as possible as they may choose to go outside many times a day. It would be really helpful if you can make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name. Also, please do ensure that you bring plenty of **spare clothes too** (particularly socks, pants and trousers) and for your children in case they need to be changed.

Curriculum Learning

Do check out our website to see updates on the wonderful learning that children have been doing this half term. <https://kintoreway.com/>

We would love to hear about your Christmas celebrations. Do send in photos.

Toilet Training

Please speak to your child's Key Person about steps that can be taken both at home and nursery to ensure your child is toilet trained. Do start toilet training during the holidays and talk to the class team about next steps. The ERIC website also gives some very useful tips for potty training.

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

