

## Home learning for Cherry Class 16/12/21-17/12/21

### This term we are learning about Our Celebrations: Christmas

#### Morning:

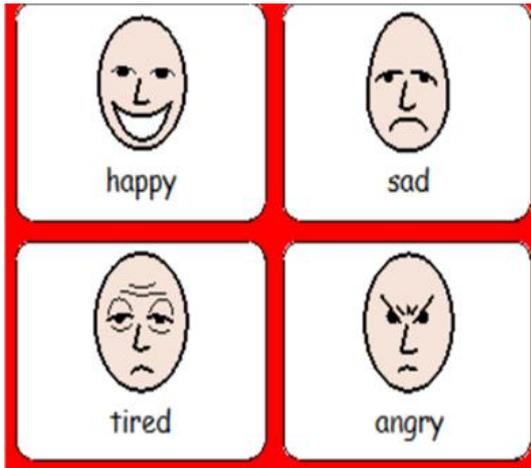
Start off by reading a book with your child- Picture books- Point to objects in the book. Textured books also work very well. Daily reading or sharing a book is very important for each child. Let your child choose a book of their choice and either read to them or get them to read some to you.

Comprehension is what Cherry have been looking at this term so ask some questions such as what's happening, where is that? who is in the story? what can you see? Ask lots of questions to show an understanding of the book, pointing out shapes, colours, animals and anything you can see.

Some children may need more encouragement to communicate (ask simple questions- Where are your ears/head?)



At school the following music is played to signal the start of Circle Time: [Eva Cassidy - True Colours - YouTube](#). Play this to help settle your child before Circle Time (short clip is fine). Practice greeting members of the family. Look in the mirror and communicate how we feel. Some children will need more prompting, so communicate your observations of them e.g. 'You are giggling, I think you look happy today!' Give a choice of happy/sad/tired (some pupils may be able to do more)



Pupils then listen to the [How's the weather? | Super Simple Songs - YouTube](#). Encourage children to look out the window at the weather and choose symbols from a choice of 2 (pick two very different weathers to choose from e.g. sunny or raining). Objects of reference can also be used e.g. cotton wool for clouds, torch for sun, water spray or sprinkle water on child's hand for raining. Further Winter symbols and signs below.

In Cherry Class pupils enjoy an active break and listen to the [My Happy Song | featuring Noodle & Pals | Super Simple Songs - YouTube](#). This can be changed to Christmas songs if you wanted to.

In Cherry Class children complete a sensory circuit every morning to help them regulate. Set up some activities like a circuit your child can complete. Tape a line on the floor to practice your balance, place items on your head see how long you can keep them on your head, put objects on the floor to move around and avoid, children can go over and under obstacles, jumping, hopping and clapping.



## Christmas Activities

### **Activity 1:**

Ask your children to choose some Christmas songs to play. Encourage lots of movements and dancing. Allow children to independently choose songs or give them a choice of 2/3 pictures.

### **Activity 2:**

Pupils to sit and watch the singing hands Christmas concert- encourage your child to sign some of the songs and join in with words and actions <https://youtu.be/yLkVS5Gauw>

### **Activity 3:**

Ask you children to bake Gingerbread men. In Cherry Class before each life skills/baking session we listen to this song as part of a routine. [Ready To Learn \(The Life Skills Song\) - Mr. Minner - YouTube](#). Children to follow a Gingerbread Recipe and to use gingerbread cut outs. Encourage independence as much as possible (washing, drying up, mixing, decorating, pouring)

Equipment:

Eggs

Flour

Sugar

Cinnamon

Ginger

Bowl

Spoon

Icing



### **Activity 4:**

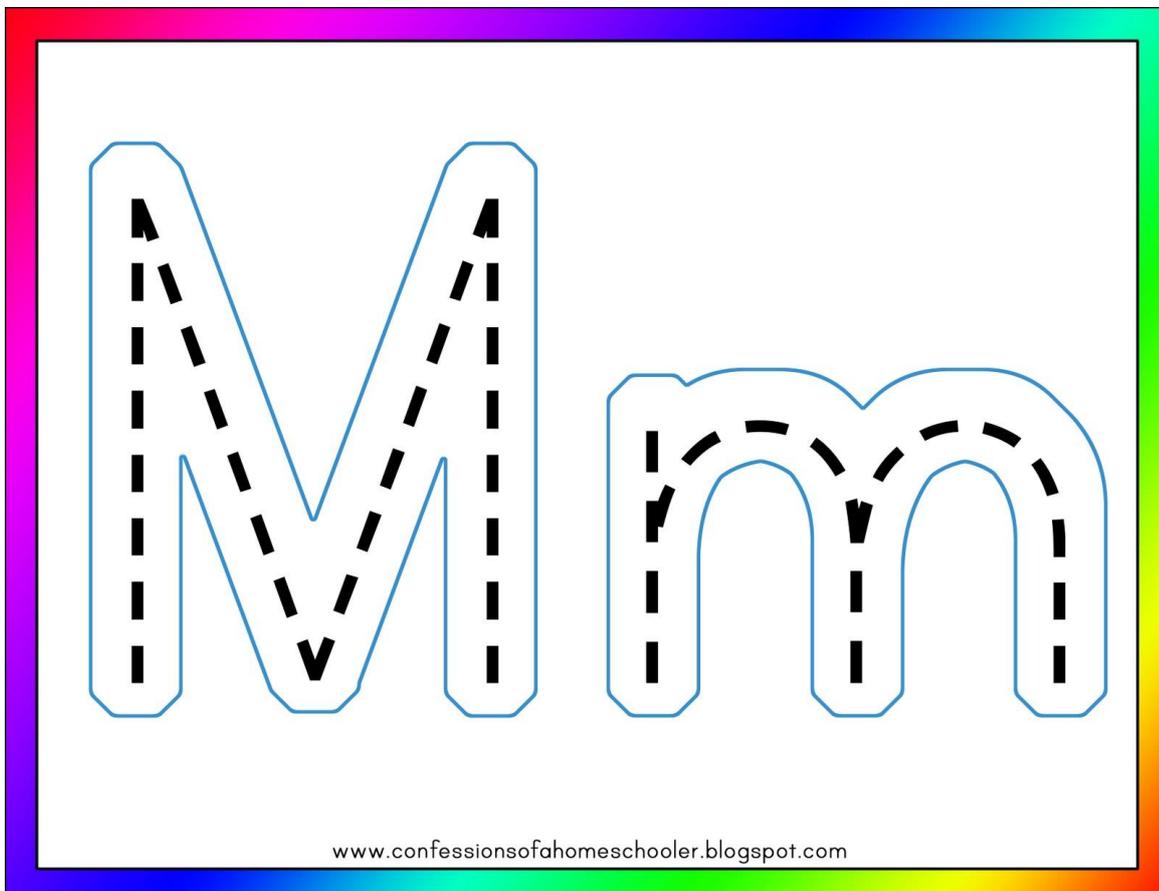
Ask your child to make marshmallow snowmen. Allow children to be imaginative and inventive. Encourage independence (choosing colours and equipment to use)



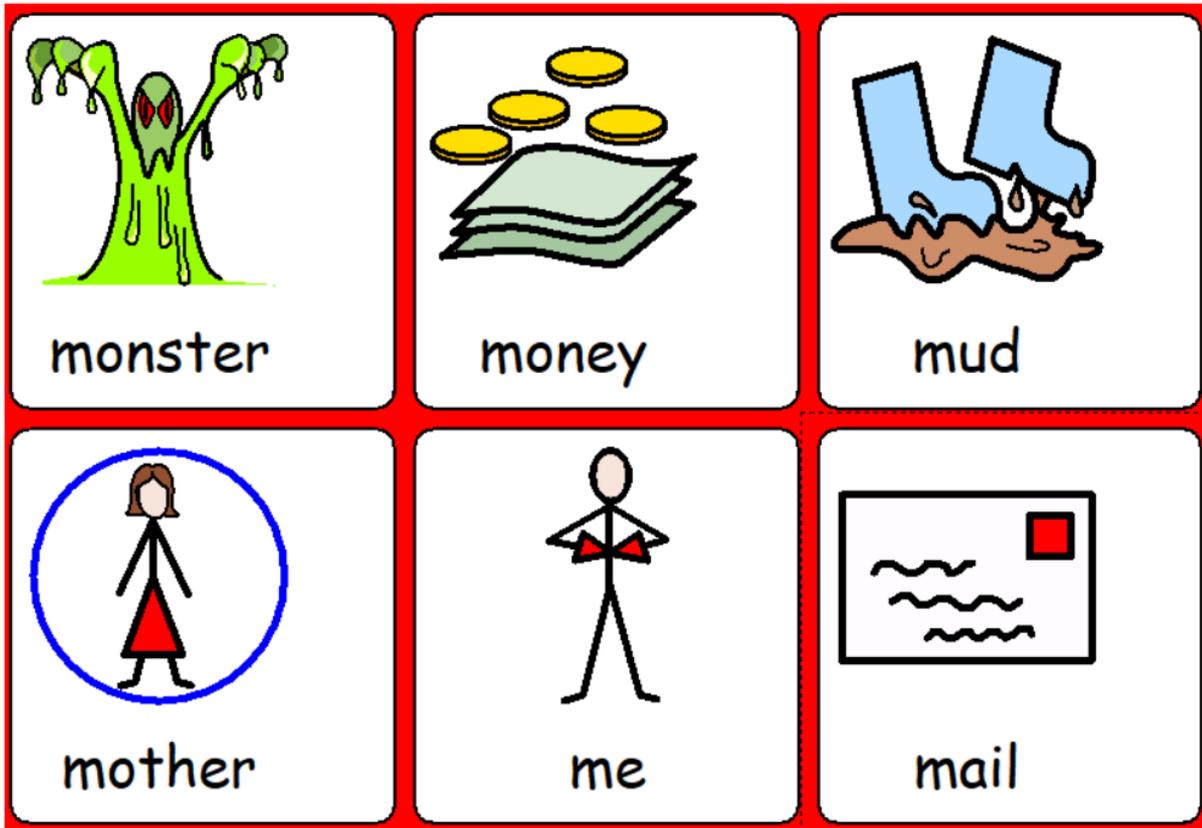
**Phonics:**

This week Cherry class are learning about the letter 'm'. Begin each session with the phonics song as part of a routine [Alphabet Song | BBC Super Movers - YouTube](#). Encourage pupils to sign the letters during song and copy actions.

Next explain that you will be learning about the letter 'm' and play the letter 'm' song. [The Letter M Song - Learn the Alphabet - YouTube](#)



Practise saying and signing the letter 'M'. Can your child find a (Mother, mud, monster, money, mail and me) Use tracing template to trace the letter 'M'. Some children will need some hand over hand support.



**Maths:**

Listen to the 5 Little Elves song as part of the maths routine [Five Little Elves | Christmas Song For Kids | Super Simple Songs - YouTube](#)

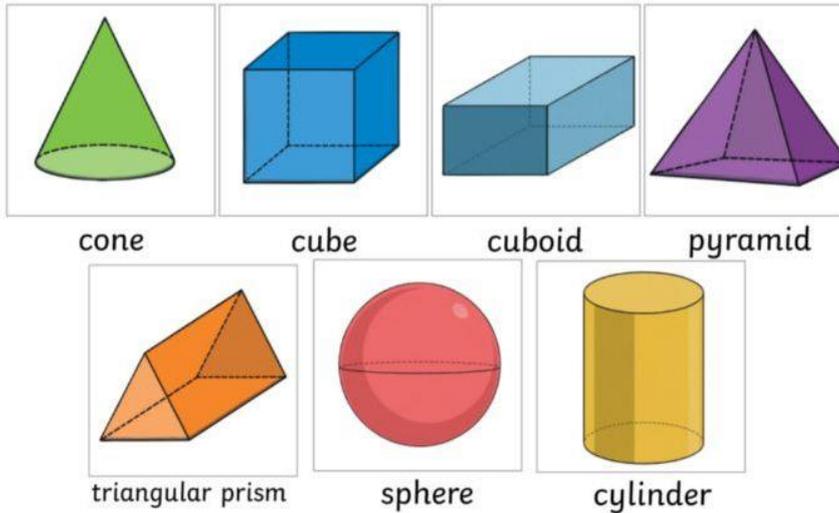
This term Cherry Class have been learning about 3D shapes. Listen to the 3D shapes song [3D Shapes Song | Shapes for kids | The Singing Walrus - YouTube](#)

**Activity:**

What 3D shapes can you find around the house? How many spheres can you find?

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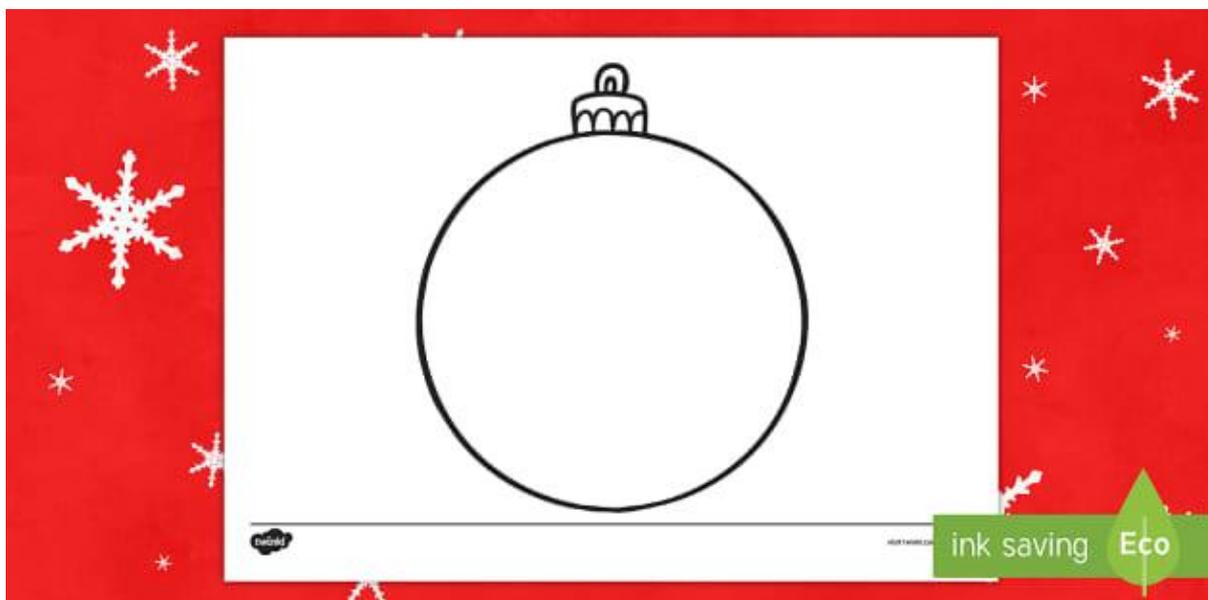
## 3D Shapes

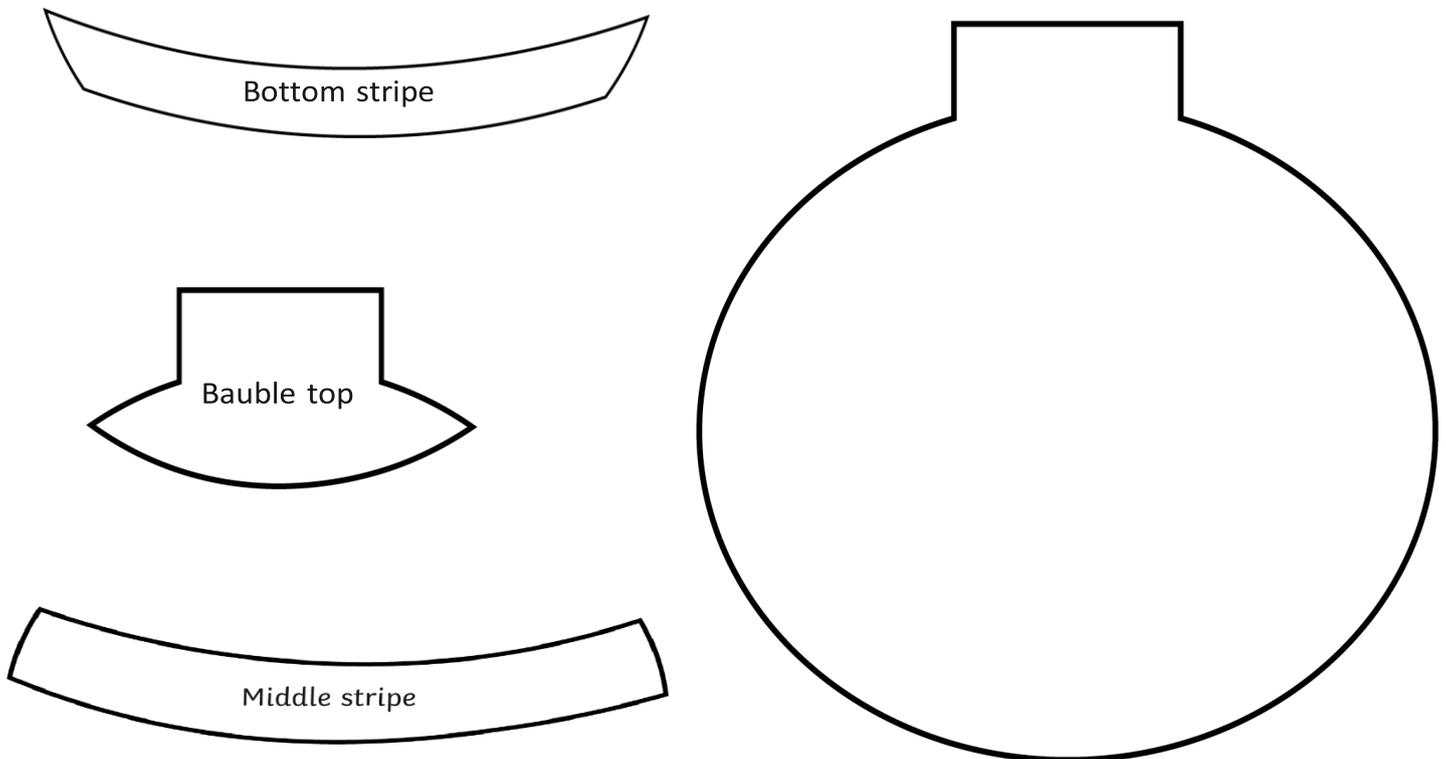


Children to find spheres (Christmas baubles). How many baubles can you find? Encourage children to count out baubles based on ability- Check PLIMS targets. Hang baubles on the Christmas tree and ask children to put a certain number of baubles on. Use terms like 'one more, one less). Encourage your child to take one away and add one.

### **Craft:**

Children to craft their own sensory bauble (items to use below). You can use lots of different materials such as (rice, lentils, oats, glitter, cotton wool, felt, straw, sequins colours). Encourage your child to use a glue stick and scissors where necessary.





### **Wellbeing:**

Cherry Class complete some wellbeing time every day after signing our good afternoon song [Good Afternoon - YouTube](#). Sing good afternoon to your child and ask them how they are feeling again.

Then turn off the lights and play relaxing music based on which day it is. Use beanbags, comfy chairs, mattress, therapy balls, spiky rubber balls, squashing therapy, bubbles

### **Thankful Thursday**

Explain what day it is, that we are very lucky and should be thankful for everything we have.

Play thankful song [Thankful by The Juicebox Jukebox | 2021 Gratitude Appreciation Kids Songs Music Thanksgiving - YouTube](#)

Ask children what they are thankful for (food, drink, friends, family, school)

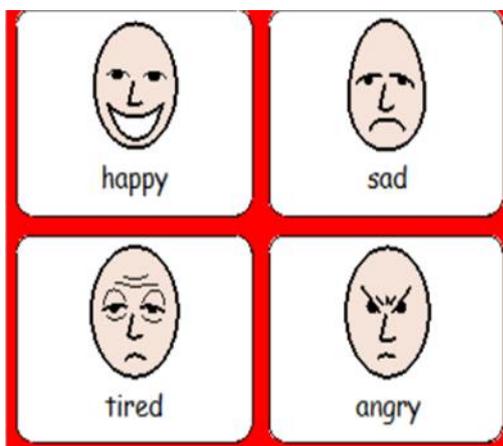
## Friends Friday

Explain to children that we are celebrating friends Friday. We must be thankful for our friends and respect them.

Play friends Friday song [Friends Song | Verbs Song for Kids | The Singing Walrus - YouTube](#)

## PSHE

In our PSHE lessons we have been learning about our emotions. Begin the session by asking how your child is feeling.



Play clip from inside out movie and ask your child to guess how each character is feeling based on the clip shown [Inside Out: Guessing the feelings. - YouTube](#). Encourage verbal pupils to guess and show non-verbal pupils symbols and pointing

This week it is International Christmas week and Cherry Class are learning about the Chinese Christmas. Incorporate Chinese Christmas- It is a tradition that Chinese people wrap up apples and decorate them to give to loved ones at Christmas time. Ask children to wrap apples in cellophane and decorate. To then give to family members to make them 'happy'.

