

# Countdown to Christmas

Use this monthly chart for your medium-term and theme planning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Building relationships	Thank you	Children form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.	Gifts galore

Communication and Language			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Listening, attention and understanding	The Nativity story	Children listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions.	Christmas traditions

Literacy			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Word reading	Ingle Bells	They read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.	Creative carols
Writing	Letters to Santa	Children spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.	Gifts galore

Mathematics			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Number	Gifts of gold	They have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.	Christmas traditions

Understanding the world			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Past and present	We all like figgy pudding	Children know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.	Creative carols

Physical Development			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Gross motor skills	Mexican piñata	They demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.	Christmas traditions

Expressive Arts and Design			
	Activity	Early Learning Goal	Page
Creating with materials	O, Christmas tree!	They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design and texture.	Creative carols
Creating with materials	Santa's workshop	Children make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.	Gifts galore