

**This week in Early Years...**  
**...our topic is 'Rapunzel' and Christmas.**  
**(28.11.11)**

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	We will begin rehearsals for our Christmas play and will try hard to follow instructions and to sit and listen while we are waiting for our turn! We will talk about feelings and the facial expressions associated with them and will continue to try hard to look after the things in our classroom.
<b>Communication, Language and Literacy Development</b>	We will retell the story of 'Rapunzel' using different props and will begin to talk about 'The Christmas Story'. In our phonics sessions we will learn about the sound 'b' and will practise reading simple captions using the letters and tricky words we have learnt so far. We will start 'Guided Reading' in small groups and will bring our own reading books home by the end of the week.
<b>Mathematical Development</b>	We will practise finding 1 more and will also begin some simple addition by combining two groups of objects to find 'how many altogether?'
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the World</b>	We will learn how to use the 'paint' tools on the computers in the ICT suite. We will begin to talk about the customs associated with Christmas.
<b>Physical Development</b>	We will continue to practise our pincer grip, and strengthen our fingers through songs/rhymes, in order to hold a pencil correctly and accurately form the letters that we have learnt so far.
<b>Creative Development</b>	We will be singing songs for our Christmas play everyday. There will be opportunities to make hats and shields in our role play castle.

Mrs Gulliver, Mrs Carr and Mrs Graham 😊