

Christmas Holiday Recount



This week in school we are talking about our Christmas holiday. Please use this flipchart to help your child to remember what happened, where you went, and what you did.

Wednesday:

Talk about your Christmas break. Can you remember what you did each day? Can you draw some pictures of key things you did? Eg:

What did you do?

What was your best day?

Who did you see?

What was your best present?

Can they think of and say a sentence for each one?



Thursday:

Ask your child to choose one of their best days over the break and think of a sentence to tell school about your best memory. It might be Christmas dinner. It might be a walk you went on. It might be getting ready for Father Christmas.

Here are some examples from the children in school:

'I had a lovely Christmas dinner and I liked the roast potatoes best.'

'I got a bike and my brother got one too. Mine has got a basket with flowers on the front.'

'We put a mince pie and some milk out for Father Christmas and in the morning it was all gone!'

'We went for a walk with our dog Rosie and she got snow on her nose!'

Can your child do a beautiful drawing of their favourite day?



Friday:

Look at your child's drawing from yesterday and ask them to remember the sentence they thought of. Help them to write their sentence under their drawing.

Support your child with hearing the sounds in the words they want to write. They will not know all the sounds they need to in order to write some words, so at this point spelling of words is not as important as having a go at hearing all the sounds.

Encourage the writing of 'red words' or high frequency words such as **the, when, what, he, we me she, they**, and give these to the children so that they have practise at writing them correctly. These words are not de-codable and are hard to 'sound out' so practise using them as given words is helpful to them learning them by sight.



Take it further:

Be a sentence doctor...

Can you spot what is wrong with these sentences?

on Monday, I went to the park.

the next day, we went to a castle it was really cold

i liked opening my presents

the snow was cold and i went sledging

