Activity Sheet Week Beginning 4.12.23/11.12.23 Term 2 Weeks 6 & 7

	What have we been learning about at school?	What could you do to support at home?
Phonics	 We have learnt the sounds 'x' as in fox and 'y' as in yes, 'z' as in zip and 'zz' as in buzz We learnt that 'zz' only comes at the end of words or in the middle of longer words. We also learnt the tricky words he and she and practised putting these into sentences. We have continued to practise recognising the tricky words I, the, to, no and go and have been reading short captions with these words in. 	 Continue to practise the new sounds learnt by wordbuilding with them. Build the words yes, yet, yell, zip, fizz, zig, zag. Practise reading the tricky words he and she and try putting them into sentences. You could also build short captions using your letter cards e.g. he is big Once your child has decoded the short sentence or caption in their reading book, encourage them to go back and re-read it for sense and to develop fluency.
Literacy	 We have been talking about the story of the first Christmas. We have been familiar with this over the past few weeks as we have been practising it for our play. We sequenced the story and explained our favourite parts to a friend. We have been practising letter formation of the level 2 sounds we have learnt. 	 Continue to practise writing the level 2 letters ensuring the correct formation particularly a, b, d, e and the letters in your name. Retell the story of the first Christmas to someone at home. Can you write inside a Christmas card for a family member or friend?
Maths	 In Maths this week we have been enjoying using shapes and loose parts to create repeating pattern Christmas Trees. We used a mixture of loose parts to create our patterns and they look very effective. 	 Can you make a repeating pattern with any of the Christmas decorations you have at home? Try using different coloured/shaped baubles. Can you have a go at this repeating pattern Christmas challenge? Christmas Patterns (topmarks.co.uk)
Topic	 We loved watching the pantomime. On no we didn't! OH YES WE DID. It was the story about a pirate's adventure and there was lots of cheering and singing to join in with. We participated in the Santa fun run organised by Coach Harry and enjoyed running laps to earn points for our team. On Wednesday we visited the Church for our Christmas Service. We were on our best behaviour and sang 'Twinkling Stars' with Mars class. 	We hope you enjoyed our Nativity performance. We are so proud of how Venus class stood up confidently in front of the audience and sang beautifully. Well done, Venus Class! Please enjoy a rest over the holidays. We are so proud of Venus class and how well they live out the Brabourne School values. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and see you on Wednesday 3 rd January 2024!