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### Christmas Holiday Topic Homework

Dear Families,

The run up to Christmas is always a busy one, but the children have coped really well and worked very hard. Many of them have taken part in their very first nativity and we are very proud of each and every one of them; it is not easy to stand up in front of people the way they did, so I'm sure that you agree how wonderful they were.

Our topic after the Christmas holiday is called 'Marvellous Machines' – we will learn about technology that is part of our daily lives. We will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. We will learn about products that use electricity to make them work and explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

We have created a Topic Overview to give you a taste of everything we will be covering next term, including how you can help your child at home. This overview is also available on the school website.

In preparation for our topic, we would like both Nursery and Reception children to complete one piece of good quality topic homework which needs to be brought into school on the first day back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with a group of peers before we incorporate it into a topic display.

#### Topic Homework

Vehicles are machines. Vehicles are used to transport people and goods. Use construction kits such as Lego or Duplo or junk modelling materials, to make a model of a vehicle. Then, either bring in your model to display in the classroom or take a picture of what you have made. You could even label the different parts of your model too!

Please encourage your child to share stories with you every day as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Reception children should also continue to read their reading books. In maths this term, we have been practicing our subitising; this is the ability to recognise an amount without having to count it, counting and addition. Games with dice are great to practice this, so if you have any family game time over the holiday, get the children to roll the dice and see if they can recognise the number without having to count it. If the game involves two dice, then they can practice their addition.

We hope you have a lovely, restful holiday.

Best wishes and a very Merry Christmas, from The Pegasus Team

