

# Christmas Eve Box

## A Christmas game, activity book and 25 piece puzzle set

### Reindeer Race

The reindeers are trying to get from the North Pole to the village so they can help Santa Claus deliver Christmas presents. Find matching coloured reindeer to help you along the way!

#### For this game you will need:

48 reindeer cards, 2 cloud cards, 4 3D reindeer characters, 1 present token, 1 two-piece playing board

#### Setting up

- Assemble and place the playing board within everyone's reach. Put the present token at the end of the board.
- Each player takes a reindeer character and inserts it into the matching coloured base. Place them at the start of the playing board (North Pole).
- Separate the head and leg cards. Shuffle the head cards and place them face down in a pile. Spread the leg cards face down on the table (including the cloud cards).
- From the pile, deal six head cards to each player. Players place these face up in front of them.

#### Object

To be the first player to make six matching reindeer and reach the end of the board.

#### To play

- The youngest player begins by turning over a leg card.
- If the leg card has a saddle that matches the colour of your head card, place the head and leg cards together to make a complete reindeer. Move your chosen reindeer character one space along the playing board. Play passes to the next player.
- If the leg card does not match, show this card to the other players and return it face down to the table. Play passes to the next player.
- If you turn over a cloud card, show the other players, return it face down on the table and mix up all the leg cards. Play passes to the next player.

#### The winner

The winner is the first player to make six matching reindeer and reach the present at the end of the board.

#### Alternative game - Pairs

Spread the head and leg cards face down on the table and remove the cloud cards and playing board. Turn over head and leg cards to find matching pairs of reindeer.

# Christmas Wonderland Jigsaw Puzzle

## For this activity you will need:

25 jigsaw pieces with blue backing

Once the jigsaw puzzle is complete, use the fun learning guide below to promote discussion and encourage observation:

### Promote imaginative play

- **What** do you like most about Christmas?
- **Where** do you think Santa is going to next?
- **What** do you think is inside the red present that the penguin is shaking?
- **Why** do you think there are presents underneath the tree?
- **How long** do you think it took for the penguins to decorate the Christmas tree?
- **What** do you leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve?

### Encourage observation

- **Can you see** a penguin with a gingerbread man?
- **Can you spot** some carol singers?
- **Can you find** a pet?

### Discuss colour and shape

- **Which** colours make up Santa's Sleigh?
- **Which** different colours can you name on the presents?
- **Can you spot** all the stars on the Christmas tree?

### Reinforce counting skills

- **How many** penguins can you count?
- **Can you count** the reindeers?
- **How many** presents can you see?

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