

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is Winter. We will learn about the changes that happen and how we can look after animals and birds during this season. We will use stories about bears to support our topic. The children will have the opportunity to become detectives to explore animal tracks and spot birds in winter. We will also be learning about the Arctic to give the children the opportunity to make comparisons between where they live and a different place.

Mathematics

The children will learn how to use mathematical vocabulary this term. They will be using numbers 1 to 15 - ordering them and using them to count objects reliably. The children will also be exploring how to sequence numbers from smallest to biggest. They will begin to learn how to add and subtract and solve mathematical problems which include how to double or half a number.

Maths Monkey will come home with different children this term. Maths Monkey gives you the opportunity to do some fun Maths at home with your child and it gives them the opportunity to show you what they have been learning at school.

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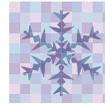
We will be using our ICT to develop the children's phonics, writing and numeracy skills. They will also be using ICT to record their learning by taking photographs.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our Creative Area provides opportunities for the children to mix colours and create pictures of events, people and objects. Our focus this term will be on texture and the children will be learning how to use different tools and techniques to shape, assemble and join materials. We are looking forward to using our DT skills to make things with moving parts.

In music we will be learning some new songs and playing different instruments linked to stories, focussing on loud and quiet sounds.

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Physical Development

The children have access to the outside area where they can continue to develop their gross motor skills. They are also given opportunities inside to develop fine motor skills such as cutting and writing. We will change for PE this term. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school. We will use the hall once a week to learn Yoga. Hedgehogs – Tuesday. Squirrels – Tuesday.

Important dates:

Family Learning – Week beginning 4th February.

This week will focus on Maths.

Library Day – the children will visit the library every other week on a Monday.

Communication and Language

We will have an Igloo, a Bird Hide and a Toy Shop as our role play areas. These will encourage the children to re-enact experiences they have encountered through our topic work, and retell stories they have heard. Role-Play also gives the children the opportunity to work alongside each other co-operatively and become more confident to speak in a group environment. Our focus for speaking and listening is to develop the skills of asking and answering 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences as well as in response to stories they have heard.

Literacy

The children have two daily phonics sessions through which we recap sounds the children have learnt so far and learn more phase 3 sounds. The children will continue to blend sounds to read as well as learn how to read some words which cannot be sounded out.

Please share books at home with your children and encourage them to recognise sounds they already know, blending them to read words and identifying some of our key words they have learnt. You will find these in the weekly home activities.

Reading Robot will come home this term for you to have fun reading and tell us what you have been doing! The children will be learning how to use the sounds they know to spell words to write labels and captions as well as starting to write sentences. We will hear your child read either individually or in a group once a week. This reading may take place with the teacher, teaching assistant or a reading volunteer.