

Investigation Stations

Ice exploration – how can you get the toy out of the block of ice?

Matching animals to their habitats

Creating snowmen and snowflakes using craft materials

Winter walk – spotting signs of Winter

Sorting clothes and weather

We will spend the first 3 weeks of Spring 1 learning about Winter. The 3 topics will be Winter and Me, Winter Around the World and Winter Animals.

The children will learn to identify signs of winter, compare the seasons of the year using their knowledge of seasons, identify similarities and differences in places around the world and talk about features of the environments. They will also learn about animals which live in a cold habitat and how to look after garden birds during the winter months.

The children will continue to learn their Phase 3 phonics sounds and also extend their mathematical thinking through using numbers to 15 and then to 20.

Question to Ask

How do you know when it is winter?

What clothes would you wear to keep you warm in winter?

Which animals live in a cold habitat and which animals hibernate?

What weather would you see in winter?

What is different about Autumn and Winter?

Wow Words

Snow, ice, icicles, frost, mist, hail, snowstorm, blizzard, cold, freezing, frosty, frozen.

Polar regions, artic, polar bear, artic fox, penguin, walrus, snowy owl, seal, puffin, reindeer.

Ice-skating, tobogganing, skiing, snowboarding, sledge.

Hat, scarf, gloves, jumper, woolly, warm, snow boots.

Winter Wonderland

7th January – 20th January

Fun Facts and Knowledge

A polar bear has black skin.

Snow is not white; it is translucent (see through!)

The earth is closest to the sun during winter.

All snowflakes have 6 sides.

Grizzly bears hibernate for up to 6 months!



Stories and Songs

Snow Bears

Stickman

The Gruffalo's Child

Winnie in Winter