

Communication and language

There will be continued emphasis on listening to stories and sharing both fiction and non-fiction books. The children will continue to retell, change and make up their own stories using puppets; props and costumes (Talk for Reading and Talk for Writing). Topic work will be used to introduce new vocabulary and develop the children's questioning skills.

Literacy- Reading and Writing

Daily sharing and reading of quality story books such as 'The Gruffalo's Child', 'Stickman', 'A Little Bit of Winter' and 'Handa's Surprise'. Our daily phonic sessions will continue, following the Floppy's Phonics programme. The children will be encouraged to give meaning to their mark making; using their phonic skills, if able, to segment and write cvc words. They will have the opportunity to write for different purposes e.g. Lists (animals they spot in the woods; clothes they need to keep warm); simple sentences (what they have found out about penguins etc.)

Expressive Art and Design

The children will draw, paint and collage wintery scenes and pictures of animals from different environments/ climates. They will use play dough and clay to make 3d models. They will also use instruments to make music that conjures up different weather conditions (e.g. 'wintery music') and learn new songs linked to the theme. Music will stimulate expression through movement. The children's imagination and role play skills will be developed as they act out and make up their own woodland animal stories; as they pretend to be polar explorers and through acting out stories we have shared with small world toys and puppets.

Mathematics

Throughout this term we will continue to develop the children's ability to count, recognise, order and write numbers 0-10 and beyond. They will also estimate quantities.

They will continue to use the language of addition and subtraction through practical activities and discussion and will explore the concepts of 1 more and 1 less.

The children will begin to learn about money, time and measure including capacity.

Reception Class, Spring 2022

Our topic this term is 'Journeys'. The topic will start close to home as we share stories like 'A Little Bit of Winter' and the 'Gruffalo's Child' before 'travelling' to Polar regions, where the weather is always cold. After half term we will 'travel' to Africa through stories such as 'Handa's Surprise' and 'We're going on a lion hunt'.

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.

Understanding the World- the World; People and Communities and Technology

The children will explore changes in our weather and seasons, focusing on Winter and how we and animals adapt to changes in the weather. They will explore how water freezes into ice and then melts again and will make our own 'magic snow'. They will find out about Polar regions and the animals that live there and how they survive and will then explore a contrasting 'hot' climate as we travel to Africa and find out about the animals that live there. The children will continue to develop their IT skills using the interactive whiteboard; iPads; Beebot etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will develop their friendships through playing together, sharing and taking turns. They will explore what being a good friend means through our topic stories. The children will also explore the feelings of characters in the stories and will use this as a starting point for discussing their own feelings in different situations. We will continue to follow the Jigsaw PSHE and mindfulness programme.

Physical Development

A range of activities, including dough disco will be used to develop the children's fine motor control. They will be encouraged to hold their pencil correctly /effectively.

During our PE sessions we will continue to work on becoming independent with dressing and undressing. Our gymnastics sessions will focus on balancing and travelling on different parts of the body.

We will continue talking about what our body needs to keep fit and healthy.

How you can help

Please continue to share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read. Continue to help your child learn their sounds and tricky words. Practise letter formation and writing tricky words.

Help your child to count, recognise, order and write numbers to 10 and beyond.

Thank you