

Time to Talk

Use these questions to talk about winter at home

- What is the weather today?
- What should we wear outside today?
- Can you describe how it feels?
- What can you see?
- What colours can you see?
- What has happened to the leaves on the trees?
- What are your favourite things to do in winter?
- How could we help the birds in winter?

For the first few weeks, we will be learning all about the season of winter. Take a look at the 'Time to Talk' section and 'Winter Knowledge' to find out more!

Our daily phonics lessons will continue, with the children working through units 5 - 8 of the Sounds Write Programme.

In Literacy, the children will learn about the structure of writing, building sentences and practicing the correct formation of letters.

In Maths we continue to improve number sense by working on numbers to 8. We will also explore weights and measures, looking at mass, capacity, length, height and time.

In RE, we look at Celebrations, both at home and as a church family.

Later in the term we will celebrate Chinese New Year. This will provide some nice crafting opportunities and will develop our understanding of celebrations around the world.

Notices

Please listen to your child read at home as often as you can and remember to bring their reading book into school every day.

PE is on Thursday. Children should wear their PE kit on this day only. Please ensure correct uniform is worn on other days. Jewellery is not permitted.

Our lost property basket is full of jumpers, cardigans, hats and gloves. Please ask a member of staff if you are missing any items.

Spring 1 - Winter

Winter Knowledge – What will we learn?

Seasons: There are 4 seasons each year; Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We will learn all about Winter, what happens to the environment around us and how we can look after ourselves and animals during these chilly months!

Exploration: What is ice made from and what happens to ice when it gets warm? How can you make ice? What is special about a snowflake? What is blubber and how does it help Arctic animals?

Habitats: Where do penguins live? Where do polar bears live? What is it like in the Arctic and Antarctic? Do people live there? What are the similarities and differences compared to our own environment?

Weather: What is the weather like in winter? Our World: Look at maps and globes to find cold countries, North Pole and South Pole. Where are the coldest parts of our planet and why are they so cold?



Stories

- One Snowy Night – Nick Butterworth
- Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers
- Little Polar Bear - Hans De Beer
- Emperor Penguins (Non-Fiction)

Key Vocabulary

Cold, winter, Arctic, Antarctic, Inuit, polar, penguin, polar bear, arctic fox, snowy owl, arctic hare, planet, weather, hibernation, explorer, sledging, skiing, snow, ice, frost, icicle, freezing, snowflake, igloo, North pole, South pole, hat, gloves, scarf, mittens, coat, snow boots.

