

Reception Topic overview- Spring 1: Winter and Cold Places

Communication, Language and Literacy

Phase 3 phonics: we will be learning all phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, er, ur, ow, oi, ear, air.

We will be learning all phase 3 tricky words.

We will introduce non-fiction books.
We will use these books to find information on polar animals.

We will write facts about polar animals

Library visits every Friday.

Weekly Helicopter stories.

Poetry basket continues.

Maths

Number of the week continues:
11-15.

We will start to look at teen numbers being made up of 1 ten and ones.

We will consolidate our knowledge of 2D shapes.

We will have a focus on capacity, weight, length and height.

We will work on number bonds to 5.

Expressive Art and Design

Exploring colour mixing using powder paints to create an Antarctica collage.

Observational chalk drawings of Polar animals.

Workshop approach continues in the art area.

Understanding the World

We look at how the seasons change considering winter.

We will explore the Polar regions and how they are different to where we live, through books and videos.

We will explore maps and globes to find out where the polar regions are.

We will discover many polar animals!
We will experiment and see what happens when water freezes and melts.

Physical Development

Gymnastics- introducing children to the gymnastics equipment and wall bars.
Learning how to move over and across the equipment safely.
Developing their balance and learning how to jump and land safely.
Daily handwriting sessions, focusing on letter formation.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Identify and moderate feelings both socially and emotionally - we will focus on this using our class charter, the Colour Monster book and through circle times.

We will consider how to dress appropriately in the winter to look after ourselves.

We hope to welcome a scientist from the British Antarctic Survey towards the end of January.

Reception children change for PE in school so please keep a PE kit on your child's peg at all times!

Practise getting changed at home, it really helps to develop their independence.

Remember, we go out in all weather, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather! Wellies help with the mud kitchen!

Library day is Friday- please bring back library books for then!

Don't forget your slippers!

Nice and comfy for the winter months!

Don't forget spare clothes in case of accidents!

5th February:

Science Wow Day

Little Steamers Chemistry Champions.

We look forward to an exciting morning run by real life scientists!