

Communication and Language

We enjoy listening to stories every day, and this term will include: *Dear Polar Bear*, *One Snowy Night* and *The Snow Lambs*, as well as looking at non-fiction texts and poems linked to our topic.



These books will, through listening and talking, help us to develop new knowledge, understanding and vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As a class, we will continue to develop our understanding and practice in relation to the school rules: Ready, Safe and Kind. We will also talk about our 'Learning to Learn' characters and find out how they help us with our learning at school.



We will be exploring 'Special People' in our RE sessions. We will talk about why people are special to us, what makes a good friend, and listen to stories about Jesus being a friend to others.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons, we will develop our balance and learn different ways to move in response to music.



Reception children will continue to refine their letter formation and Nursery children will also have lots of fun exploring mark making and using tools to strengthen their fingers.

First Half Spring Term 2025

Early Years

Our Project: Winter



Literacy

Our Reception children will continue with phase 3 phonics this term. They will learn new vowel digraphs and trigraphs (two or three letters making one sound, e.g. ai, ee, igh). They will also practise spelling longer words and writing simple sentences.

We will use books to develop our vocabulary and provide starting points for a range of activities, such as story sequencing.

Mathematics

This half term we will be finding out about number bonds (e.g. $4 + 1 = 5$), and will further develop our understanding of mass and capacity.

Children will have lots of opportunities to practise their 'subitising' skills -where a quantity is instantly recognised without needing to be counted:



Understanding the World

Our theme of 'Winter' will give us opportunity to explore many aspects of geography and science:

- Finding out about cold places and habitats
 - Learning winter's impact on our world
 - Materials and their properties
- We will also find out about the celebration of Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will create a range of winter inspired art, including collages, wax resist art and salt painting!



In music, we will learn some new songs around the topic of winter and will continue to enjoy singing nursery rhymes and action songs.

Helping at home

Help your Reception child to get their name on our Reading Tree by listening to them read 4 times a week. Re-reading is important and develops your child's automatic reading skills, enjoyment and understanding, as well as building confidence.