

Our theme for the Spring Term is:

Winter

Our main focus areas are:

- Exploring the season of winter and different types of weather
- Exploring the polar regions and the different animals that live there
- Learning about space
- Learning about the sun, moon, stars and the planets



Our theme will last for:

6 weeks

Literacy

Within Literacy and during free flow we will be focussing on:

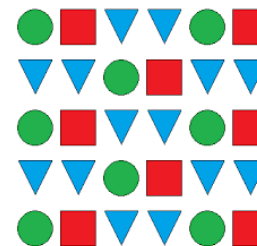
- Exploring rhythm and learning to recognise syllables in words
- Learning more songs and being able to sing them from memory
- Developing our imaginations and stories through small world play
- Strengthening our fine motor muscles ready for writing through using tweezers, threading and taking bottle tops on and off
- Talking about stories we have heard in more depth and being able to answer questions on them
- Giving more detail to our pictures
- Exploring different forms of mark making



Mathematics

Within Mathematics and during free flow we will be:

- Looking at and noticing different patterns around us
- Looking at repeating patterns
- Counting out different amounts and saying how many there are
- Counting in order and matching numerals to quantities
- Counting in different contexts, such as when building towers
- Looking at different types of patterns and learning words to describe them



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (P.S.E.D)

In this topic we will be:

- Learning about rules and why they are important
- Learning how to express ourselves in an assertive but kind way
- Learning words for our emotions and learning how to express them



Behaviour and Safety

We will be continuing to look at the golden rules in our school and classroom.

We will be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe and learning that our bodies belong to us by listening to the NSPCC's PANTS campaign song.

More information will be shared next term.

Understanding the world (Science/Geography/History)

In our topic lessons and during free flow we will be:

- Exploring ice and experimenting with melting it
- Exploring the different types of weather and looking at the impact on the environment
- Exploring light and dark and shadows
- Exploring the polar regions, landscapes and the animals that live there
- Exploring different materials, comparing similarities and differences and learning words to describe them
- Noticing changes in the world around us and being able to describe them
- Noticing forces like the wind
- Looking at changes such as melting and freezing



Expressive Art and Design

We will be focusing on:

- Using our imaginations in the role play and small world play areas
- Exploring steady beats in songs
- Using our imaginations to create different representations of our own ideas
- Exploring different materials and being able to decide what we want to use to make our own creations
- Being able to listen to different pieces of music and to be able to talk about how they make us feel
- Exploring paint and learning how to use a paintbrush effectively



Communication and language

The role play and the small world area will be used to encourage children to use new vocabulary, their imagination and to play co-operatively with others.

The children will have a range of opportunities to listen to and read stories, talking about what they have read and what they can see in the pictures.

This half term we will also be focussing on developing our concentration and speaking. We will be looking for children to be able to follow multiple instructions as well as using longer sentences and descriptive words.

Physical Development

We will be focusing on dance, moving our bodies rhythmically and in response to music. We will also be focusing on strengthening our hand and finger muscles by practising squeezing squirty bottles, squeezing play dough and moving small things like pegs.

Shared home learning:

Learning at home is just as important as learning at school. There are a range of ways to support your child's learning including, reading stories together, going on walks and talking about what they can see or singing songs.

We will be sharing phonics activities on seesaw each week to help you support your child at home with what they will be doing in class.

There will also be some workshops coming up to help you understand what your child will be learning at school. Please keep a look out on Seesaw for any other home learning activities and information on upcoming workshops.

