

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to learn about keeping ourselves healthy and safe. We will continue to focus on taking turns, being kind and demonstrating friendly behaviour at all times. We really love your child to share any achievements or experiences from outside school and would encourage them to bring in any photographs, badges or certificates to share during celebration worship on Friday mornings.

Communication & Language

We will listen carefully to stories and will be encouraged to join in with related roleplay both indoors and outdoors. We are going to build an igloo in the classroom! During shared reading sessions we will build our confidence when speaking and answering questions about a story in a group. We are going to create a whole class floor book all about polar - regions to help us talk about and share everything that we know about our topic.

Physical Development

We will continue to strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers as we develop our writing, threading and cutting skills. In PE with Mr Thompson, we will continue to practise our throwing and catching skills whilst playing tag rugby.

Literacy

We will begin by using non-fiction texts to find out and share information about Antarctic and Arctic regions. We will learn facts about the countries. We will write words, labels, lists, captions and sentences to describe the animals that live in these regions. We will share stories about penguins and polar bears, including 'Lost and Found' and 'Little Polar Bear'. Please feel free to allow your child to bring their favourite books connected with the topic from home to share with the class!

We will continue with to learn new letter sounds, digraphs and tri-graphs in our phonics sessions.

Reception 2019-2020

Spring Term 1: Frozen Planet

Key stories:

Lost and found, A Splendid Friend, Indeed, Where Bear, Polar Opposites, Hiku, Little Polar Bear and Emperor's Egg.



Mathematics

We will continue to learn how to read, write and order numbers up to 10, and beyond. We will continue to develop our understanding of addition through practical activities. We will use number stories to help us learn number bonds to 10.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will use paint, crayons and pastels to create pictures of snowy/icy pictures. We will be encouraged to be creative both indoors and outdoors using music, role play and construction.

Understanding the world

We will talk about special events in our own lives that are important to us. We will learn about the animals that live in the Polar Regions, what they eat, and what they looked like. Exploring processes such as melting and freezing - how they happen naturally, how we can affect them and the link between cause and effect (links to global warming).

We will use the iPads to support our learning.

Special Events / Visits

- Walk around Riding Mill to compare our environment to the Polar regions
- Chinese New Year
- Valentine's day
- Internet safety day

Key questions:

- How do living things survive in the cold temperatures?
- What is it like to live in an igloo?
- What are the differences between the Antarctic and Arctic?