

Spring Term 1 2020

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This half term the children will listen to books that include stories about bears. We will create our own story maps. The role play area will provide a stimulus for language development and will include a polar area and restaurant. The children will have the opportunity to talk about books and pictures linked to our topics.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will continue to explore 'Growth Mindset' through the characters in the classroom. We will be talking about New Year and thinking about 'resolutions/targets for the class and ourselves'. We will focus on activities that include working together. When exploring Winter we will talk about keeping safe.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to work on fine motor activities in our 'Funky Fingers' activities and will use the outdoor toys to improve our gross motor skills. Correct letter formation will continue to be a focus. PE lessons are on Thursdays and swimming on Tuesdays. The children will think about how the cold affects their bodies and talk about keeping safe in the Winter.

LITERACY

We will continue consolidating the children's knowledge of the Set 1 sounds and move into Set 2 which will include more 'special friends' such as 'ay' and 'ee'. The children will read the Read, Write, Inc books twice a week with an adult. Our writing will link to our topics and we will be learning how to spell some of the common exception words such as 'the', 'to' etc.

Bears Chinese New Year Winter

MATHS

This half term we will continue to explore combining two groups of numbers to find the whole will explore bonds to 10. We will continue to use Numberblocks, supported by the NCEM resources. The children will continue to look at the properties of 2D/3D shapes and will explore money in the 'restaurant'. We will look at heavier and lighter using the balances.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will compare bears and look at where they live around the world. We will explore the season of Winter and make comparisons with other seasons. The children will also learn about Chinese New Year and look at how this might be celebrated. We will look at where the things we might have in our house come from through the book 'The World Came to my Place Today'. The children will begin to think about food miles and we will grow some of our own food.

EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

We will continue to explore using paint and add white to make different shades of colour. The children will have the opportunity to create narratives in the role play area and with small world toys. The children will create models of dragons and make observational drawings of bears from pictures. The children will learn songs, dance and make music linked to Chinese New Year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term the children will finish the topic of Christmas and move onto Revelation. We will look at the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem. The children will then think about questions we can ask Mgr Bernard about what he does and visit him in the church. Our Wow focus this term is RE and we will be looking at how Pope Francis has asked everyone on the planet to care for our common home (Laudato Si).