

Term 3:

In week 1 we will be sharing our news about the Christmas holidays, and learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Our new topic will be 'Winter Wonderland.' Please look at the attached overview for this term. We will be finding out about different polar animals, and writing labels and captions to share the information. We will be watching 'Happy Feet' on Friday 6th January to launch the topic. You may like to provide a small 'cinema' snack for this.

Show and Tell: Tuesdays

This term we are starting Show and Tell, every Tuesday, where the children can bring in something from home that is linked to our topic to show the rest of the class. This encourages the children to talk about their topic with you at home, and to talk in school in front of a group. This is purely optional; don't feel you have to bring things each week.

PE:

This term we will be having rugby sessions on Fridays with external coaches. Our other PE session will be dance and this will be on Mondays.

We will start changing for PE this term, so the children will need a PE kit in school - dark joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. Children with long hair must have it tied back on PE days, and no jewellery is to be worn.

Foundation

Mrs Ball and Mrs Dann

Reading:

Now that the Nativity is over we are back into routine! The children will bring home a guided reading book every week, alongside a school library book that is colour banded to support their level of reading. We hope that the children will enjoy sharing these with you and practise their reading skills at home. Please try to write in the reading record at least twice a week so we can see how the children are getting on at home. It is also important to keep reading to your child, as this way they can access books that are too hard for them to read, which encourages a love of reading and supports them learning new vocabulary.

We are running low on Guided Reading sets, as not all books have been returned. The children need to bring their books to school every day as the Guided Reading groups rotate through the week. Please have a look over the holidays to see if there are any school books at home so we can start the New Year with full sets! Thank you.

Maths workshop:

We will be holding maths workshops for parents on Monday 30th January, to let you know about how we teach maths, and ideas to support at home. The sessions will be at 2:00pm and 7:00pm we hope you will be able to come to one of these.

Forest School

Forest school will continue to be on Thursday afternoons, with Mrs Rudd, and it will re-start on **Thursday 12th January**. Now that the children have had a taster of what Forest School is like we will be taking the whole class, *so children need their Forest School kit every week.*

Please remember to send in hats/scarves /gloves during the colder weather so that the children are able to enjoy Forest School in any weather.

We will still need two parent volunteers to help with Forest School every week, so if you are able to help please sign up on the sheet in the class.

Home School books:

The children will be bringing home a home-school book just before Christmas. This is a way for you to see what we are doing in school, and comment on all the learning your child is doing at home. Please use this to talk to your child about their learning, and make a note of any 'Wow' moments at home - where your child does something and you think 'I didn't know you could do that!' We would also appreciate it if you could write a small comment about some of the activities your child shows an interest in at home. This helps us to build up a more rounded picture of each child, and plan to meet their needs and interests.

Topic Overview: Foundation
Winter Wonderland

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ice cave with polar animals 	Educational Visits	Possible Library Visit
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Happy Feet - cinema experience Friday 6th January 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Non fiction about polar animals/seasons/winter. ✓ Kingfisher polar animals ✓ 'Lost and found' Oliver Jeffers
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaflets about polar animals ✓ Winter art 	Home links - activities parents can do to support...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk about the seasons and weather. ✓ Talk about animals that live in cold climates
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening to stories. ✓ Sharing ideas. ✓ Talking about their interests. ✓ Sharing their own experiences 	Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk to others about own interests. ✓ Take turns and negotiate with their peers. ✓ Show consideration for others (Link with Comic Relief)
Physical development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using equipment safely. (e.g. scissors, art resources) ✓ PE activities - rugby and dance ✓ Name writing - pencil control. 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reciting and recognising numbers to 20. ✓ Adding two groups of objects. ✓ Taking away by moving objects and counting how many are left. ✓ Naming and describing shapes - 2D and 3D.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sharing non-fiction texts, ✓ Daily phonics sessions - learning new letters, practising blending and segmenting skills ✓ Writing and mark making - labels and captions ✓ Making a poster about polar animals ✓ Weekly Big Write activities linked to the topic 	Expressive art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listen to Vivaldi 'Four Seasons' and make own winter music ✓ Frosty pictures - using a range of resources ✓ Creating different textures in artwork ✓ Collaborative art - winter scenes.
Understanding the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hannukah ✓ Looking at different places on the globe ✓ Looking at seasonal changes, exploring ice and snow ✓ Making pictures on computer programs - Purple Mash. 		