

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be setting goals for the new year. We will begin independent learning challenges to support the children with perseverance and knowing when to ask for help. We will talk about how to overcome things that we find difficult and celebrate our successes.

Communication and Language

We will be using the Winter season to learn new vocabulary related to the weather and cold places in the world. We will keep warm by making hot chocolate and recall the instructions during our role play. We will share winter poetry and learn a poem by heart.

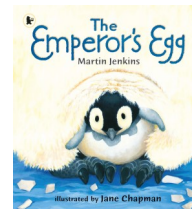
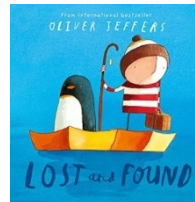
Physical development

We will use a wide variety of fine motor activities such as threading and cutting to develop our finger strength. Our focus will be on forming letters we know correctly. The children will begin to use tools with increasing control. Our PE sessions this term focus on dance and gym helping to develop our gross motor skills.

Literacy

Our focus stories this term are Stickman, The Emperor's Egg and Lost and Found. We will use these stories to write simple phrases using our phonic knowledge. We will continue to learn the set 1 sounds and practise writing CVC words.

I wonder what changes in Winter?



Maths

We will continue to develop our understanding of numbers by comparing numbers to five. We will look at number bonds to 5 and different ways of representing numbers to 5. We will move on to looking at 6 and 7 and developing our understanding of the numbers within them.

Expressive Art and Design

Using winter pictures as a stimulus will learn about cold colours. We will use a variety of media to create our winter scenes and learn how to use shapes to create art in snowmen drawings. We will learn songs and poems about the Winter.

Religious Education

Our first topic focuses on the Local Church as we look at ways we celebrate.

The children will know and understand:

- what a celebration is
- how the parish family celebrate

Our second topic will focus on Gathering together for mass

The children will know and understand:

- how and why people gather together

Understanding the World

We will be focusing on the winter weather and looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. We will look at countries that are in colder regions and discuss ways to keep warm in Winter.