

Medium Term Planning

Topic 'Winter through to Spring'

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: To use different stories set in wintertime and spring to find out about weather, animals and changes through the season. To include learning about new life and Easter.
Books: A Little bit of winter, Ridiculous, The Gruffalo's child, One Snowy Night, The Snowman, Are you my mummy? Little polar bear, The Snow Lady, Ice Bear, Henry's Holiday, The Emperors egg, Jack Frost, The Polar bear and the snow cloud, Foxes in the snow, Frozen, Guess how much I love you in winter, Big Bear Little Brother, Me....., Brave Little Penguin, The Snowy day.

<p>Personal, social, emotional development Talk about winter and walk outside to see the changes. Talk about how people feel in winter Role play winter activities Share the EYFS winter discovery sack with children. Look at winter pictures and talk about them. Talk about the dangers of snow and ice. Talk about how to keep warm in winter. Find out about Chinese year Find out about mothering Sunday Using the book Brave Little Penguin talking about a special toy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also see separate Entrust PSED programme and RE</p>	<p>Communication and language Introduce the children to the different books and each week read the books together, allowing the children to take the lead where able to with known words, sentences, final words and repeated words. Talk about aspects of the book, the story sequence and what the children have learnt already.</p> <p>Rhyming games.</p> <p>Cross curricular speaking and listening activities.</p> <p>Also see separate English plans that include a range of opportunities for C & L.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>Fine motor skills – practising pencil, pen and brush control, using scissors to cut and small toys and play dough to improve finger control.</p> <p>Also see separate PE programme</p>	
<p>Literacy Each week phonics work following Jolly Phonics learning the sounds and applying them to write words and sentences</p> <p>Look at a variety of non fiction books linked to the topic</p> <p>Name and handwriting practice</p> <p>Literacy work linked to topic and different genres.</p> <p>Rhyming games</p> <p>Also see separate English plan – 3 weeks narrative, 2 weeks non-fiction and 1 week poetry.</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>Weekly maths challenges</p> <p>Number writing</p> <p>Continuous provision</p> <p>See separate maths planning – numbers to 10 and shape, space and measure.</p>	<p>Understanding the world Using the story 'A Little Bit of Winter' find out about winter on Espresso etc. Using the story Say Hello to the Snowy Animals, look at the animals and where they live on a map or globe. Using the story The Emperors Egg, talk about penguins and introduce them in to the role play area Introduce Chinese New Year and talk about Chinese culture and life in China. Find out about what animals do for food in winter. Make bird food. Find out how animals keep warm and what they need for a home. Look at the book The Snowman and compare the setting to where they live now including past and present. Look at the book Jack Frost and investigate ice. Find out about safety around ice Finding out about swallows and their travels in winter Look at the book Brave Little Penguin then investigate floating and sinking Research elephant using the book Elmer in the Snow as a starting point. Using the story The Snowy Day, look at all the different snow flakes</p>	<p>Expressive arts and design Make pictures of winter using paint or drawing with chalk on black paper.</p> <p>Using the information found out about winter, work together to create a winter role play area.</p> <p>Make arctic masks and role play the story.</p> <p>Play puzzle game Making Pictures of Penguins.</p> <p>Find out about sensible warm clothes to wear in winter and investigate different materials.</p> <p>Using a template, make a snowman using a range of materials.</p> <p>Making ice pictures by freezing objects in a cup of water.</p> <p>Mothering Sunday Cards</p> <p>Based on the book Brave Little Penguin, design a sock bug.</p> <p>Easter Cards</p>