

Class 1 news for Autumn 2

Welcome back after a lovely half term holiday.

We are thrilled with how well the new children have settled into school life. As always, please feel free to ask any questions or talk to us if you have any concerns. 😊

Our main areas of learning throughout the half term will be The Arctic and Christmas. Our exciting new Arctic theme will start with learning about airports and the children will go on a pretend aeroplane journey!

We will be learning about ways to keep safe and road safety. We will be continuing to support children in their new friendships and when accessing the resources inside and outside independently.



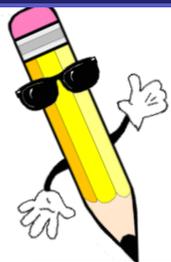
Expressive Art and Design

The children will create collages, prints and paintings linked to our topic work. They will create bonfire collages. As we approach Christmas we will complete several creative tasks for example making Christmas cards and calendars. The children will be learning lots of new songs and dances for our nativity.



Understanding the World

The children will learn about the Arctic and the animals that live there. Using globes and atlases they will locate the region and think about how we could travel there. We will explore ice, freezing, and melting through fun investigations. The children will predict what will happen to ice in different places i.e. near a radiator. We will be using computers as a tool for doing simple research and the children will search for their own pictures to include in their work.



Literacy

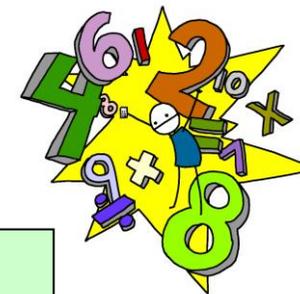
Our literacy work will be linked to our topic. The children will be writing their own menus, passports, boarding passes and luggage labels. They will use some of these in their role play. They will listen to stories related to our topics and through non-fiction texts they will learn more about life in the Arctic.

The children will continue to participate in daily phonics activities to learn the sounds of lower case letters, practise forming the letters correctly and begin to read and write simple words.



P.E. will be inside and will be on a Monday and Friday for this half term.

Maths



During this half term, we will continue to say number names in order and count objects reliably. We will be finding one more or less from a group of objects and saying the number that is one more or less than a given number. In practical activities and discussion we will begin to use the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction and develop strategies for solving problems. We will be learning the days of the week and creating repeating patterns in different ways. The children will learn the names of 3D shapes and begin to describe them by their properties, i.e. a cube has six faces.

We will continue to use the outdoor area whenever possible so please make sure your child has a suitable coat, footwear and hat.

