

Our topic this term is '**Polar Regions**'.

We hope this topic web will give you some idea of the work your child will be involved in during this term.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will:

- Continue to learn to read Phase 2 and 3 tricky words
- Practise writing Phase 2 and 3 tricky words
- Consolidate their knowledge of the single letter sounds
- Learn Phase 3 sounds
- Practise distinguishing sounds and practise their blending skills through a variety of games
- Use the stories *Lost and Found* and information books about the Polar Regions to look at the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Write facts about animals from polar regions
- Use phonic knowledge to write phonetically plausible words
- Using 'Talk 4 Writing' learn to retell the story of *Lost and Found* using actions to help them

Mathematics

The children will:

- Develop their knowledge of recognising, writing and ordering numbers
- Develop their sense of number and what numbers mean
- Practise 1:1 correspondence and relate quantities to numerals
- Compare numbers and quantities eg. Using the language 'more than' or 'fewer than'
- Learn to find one more or one less than a given number

Understanding of the World

The children will:

- Learn about animals that live in polar regions, e.g. penguins, polar bears
- Learn about melting and freezing by taking part in activities with ice, e.g. rescuing the penguins from icebergs
- Think about how to keep warm
- Learn about the story of the Nativity
- Take part in Diwali, Thanksgiving, Kwanza, Christmas and Hannukah celebrations

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will:

- Be encouraged to express their feelings in appropriate ways
- Develop strategies to increase their independence
- Read *The Colour Monster* and use this text as a stimulus for discussion about feelings and how to manage them

Physical Development

The children will:

- Develop pencil control through mark making and fine motor activities
- Take part in drama workshops to explore the topic
- Develop their balance, agility and coordination skills during outdoor PE

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will:

- Role play in the class igloo
- Create a variety of props relating to our focus stories using different materials and methods
- Use large construction equipment to build 3D structures
- Create igloos and arctic scenes using a variety of materials, both inside and outside
- Make arctic animals using collage materials
- Take part in an end of term Christmas show