

Foundation Stage 2

Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023

We will be continuing to follow the children's interests. The children have chosen to learn about 'the cold' and we will base our learning around the question 'Why do polar bears live in cold places?'

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will learn how to make healthy choices e.g., how do we dress appropriately for cold weather? We will learn how to plan and review our learning during play as well as to share and take turns with our friends.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop both their fine and gross motor skills using the inside and outside learning environments with a particular focus on fine motor skills and pencil control, especially accurate letter formation. We will learn to confidently move in a variety of ways including changing direction and negotiating space. Class 1 and 2 will have their weekly P.E. lessons on a Friday. Please send named P.E. kit in a bag on P.E. days. Children will need plain black shorts/jogging bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills and participate in daily circle time. Children will be encouraged to take part in two-way conversations when given a task to discuss ensuring they are listening to their talk partner.

Literacy

This half term we will continue to learn new sounds and how to blend them in to words as well as practising letter formation in order to read and write simple words. We will be focussing on stories related to Winter, snow and ice but we will also continue to enjoy and discuss a wide range of books.

Maths

This half term we will be developing our understanding of numbers up to 8. We will also be focussing on subitising where children recognise a number of objects without having to count them. The children will explore 2D shapes and continue to develop their concept of time.

Understanding of the World

We will be investigating ice and snow. The children will talk about the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. We will investigate and talk about changing states of matter such as water freezing/melting. We will use the internet to find and retrieve information about animals that live in cold places.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will continue to have the opportunity to use their imagination, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces. We will create detailed representations of our own ideas using a variety of tools and media.

Spring 1 home learning Ideas

1. Go on a walk and draw or write things you see to share with the class.
2. Draw a winter picture. You could include animals that live in cold places.
3. Make a model of a boat that you think will float. Bring it in for a show and tell with the class.
4. Fine motor activities such as playdough, building, cutting, threading, jigsaws and colouring activities that all strengthen the finger muscles.
5. Try to change independently at home. We will be changing at school for PE.

A Note to Families

In FS2 even when it is cold, we will still aim to be out every day. With this in mind, please ensure your child has a suitable warm, waterproof coat every day. Please ensure all clothing is named including gloves and hats. It is important that you choose your child's lunch via the school app and that you send a named water bottle in each day.

Your child will have brought home a reading book and reading diary in their new book bags this week. Please can we ask that you listen to your child read (discuss the story and pictures in the wordless books) throughout the week and comment in the reading diary. Reading folders can then be placed in the box, by the door on a Monday morning to be changed overnight and a new one sent home on a Tuesday. Books will only be changed when there has been a comment in the reading diary that the book has been read. Thank you.

If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss these. Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities. Thank you for your continued support,

The Foundation Stage 2 Team.

