



Spring term

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday.

Our Topic



This term our learning topics will be **Life in the Freezer, Chinese New Year and Traditional Tales** We will be basing our learning on the following books



Physical Development

We will be continuing to work on developing our gross and fine motor skills. This includes-

Correct letter and number formation and scissor skills.

Self-care skills – toileting, hand hygiene, dressing and undressing



Communication and Language

We are continually developing our listening, understanding and speaking skills through carpet and circle time activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for children to take part in show and tell sessions address

Maths

This term we will be introducing zero, comparing numbers and looking at the composition of 5, 6,7,8,9 and 10.

We will look at combining two numbers together. We will learn more about pattern, capacity and mass, and 3D shape.



Literacy

We begin the half term

exploring the books Lost and Found, Lanterns and Fire Crackers. We will continue learning our phonics sounds using the Read Write Inc programme.

This term we will be moving on to learning the set 2 sounds. These are 12 speed sounds that are made up of two or three letters which represent one sound eg ay, ee, oo. Children will take part in a daily guided reading session. We will be encouraging the children to begin to write words and short sentences using the sounds learned so far.



P.E and Forest Schools

Our P.E day will return to Friday. PE sessions will take place in the hall this half term. This half term our PE will be based on ball skill developments – throwing and catching, and early bat skills. Next half term our PE lessons will be dance.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development This half term we will be thinking about the skills we need to live in the wider world – sharing, turn taking. We will also be thinking about how to keep ourselves healthy.



Understanding the World



This half term we will be learning about seasonal changes, especially Winter and icy days. We will compare where we live to where penguins live and will be learning about penguins and how they can live in very cold places. We will explore freezing and sinking and floating. We will be learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world

Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be extending our art skills in pencil drawing. We will continue to use our making area to explore joining skills.

R.E

Our RE topic this half term is *Why is the word God important to Christians?* We will be finding out Christian beliefs about God and how Christians worship God. We will learn about the Creation story and how God wants Christians to look after his world. Next half term we will be thinking about Easter and considering why Christians make Easter Gardens.

Home Learning

All the Reception children are making progress with their reading. This term we will continue to change reading books on a Monday and Thursday. All children will now be heard to read in a daily guided reading group session in addition to individual reading. **Please remember to write in your child's reading log when they have read so we know that they have finished with the books sent home.** It is important that you hear your child read daily.