

### Key Texts

We will be using a range of texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times. These will include

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rose
- Sneezzy the Snowman by Maureen Wright
  - Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers

### Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 4 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds. More emphasis will be put on blending sounds together to support children to read words independently. All children will be sent home a book to support your child at their stage of learning. Please continue to send this back on a Wednesday so that a new book can be given on a Friday.

### Expressive Arts and Design

#### Music

In music, we will be listening to and appraising a variety of pieces of music.

#### Art

We will be exploring using a range of tools to make marks with paint. We will be creating pictures of a range of animals linked to our learning about the world.



### Literacy

In our 'Talk for Writing' sessions we will be learning the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

In our WOW writing sessions, children will be continuing to write simple words and develop and apply their knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation, including capital letters and full stops.

### Understanding the world

We will be learning about our wonderful world over the whole of the Spring term. For this half of the term we will be looking at cold places and finding out about the Arctic and Antarctic. We will also be exploring our local area.

#### Seasons

We will be thinking about what happens in the Winter.

#### Key Questions

- What is it like in the Arctic and Antarctic?
- What animals live there?
- How do you freeze and melt things?

### Maths

This half term we will be focussing on representing, subitising, and composition of numbers 5 to 7. We will also be looking at what is one more than numbers to 5. We will also develop our knowledge and understanding of 3D shapes, comparing mass and capacity.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be completing a scheme called 'Taking care'. More information will be sent separately.

### Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on gymnastics. We will be learning to make star, tuck, pike, straddle, straight, dish and arch shapes. We will be developing travelling movements and jumping skills and will be using low and large apparatus.

### Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year takes place on 10th February and this year is the year of the Dragon. We will be learning about celebrations that take place during Lunar New Year after half term.