

Reception Spring 1: Hot and Cold Places

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In our circle time and PSHE session, the children will learn the names of different emotions and what makes us feel this way. We will learn that we all have our own preferences and like and dislike different things. We will give names to uncomfortable feelings and talk about ways that we can make ourselves feel better.

Literacy

The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. Nursery will be learning to distinguish between different instrumental and environmental sounds. Reception will be learning Phase 3 sounds and re-capping Phase 2 sounds. We will be using the phase 2 tricky words that we learnt last half term - to, the, into, I, no, go in our writing. We will begin our topic looking at books about animals that live in cold places. We will be looking at the fiction books: Blue Penguin and Lost and Found. We will be labelling, sequencing the stories, creating story maps, looking at speech bubbles and acting out the stories. The children will continue to enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs as part of their daily routine.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop our running, skipping, jumping, hopping, and balancing skills. We will do running and jumping exercises to keep us warm on a cold day. Play games where you have to 'freeze.' Children will learn simple dances to move like different animals from hot and cold places. Listen to lively music and make spiky frosty movements. Make paper snowflakes to practice our cutting skills. In PE, children will be learning different invasion games, defence and attack

Understanding the World

Children will learn about animals and people that live in hot and cold climates. We will locate Antarctica on a globe and find the answer to questions such as 'What is ice made from?' 'What happens to ice when it gets warm?' We will learn about penguins and watch their behaviours in their natural habitats. We will also look at how Lunar New Year is celebrated as well as some religious ceremonies.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children continue to learn about hot and cold colours and use these in their drawings and paintings. In Art we will be exploring cutting and paper weaving techniques. Our Role Play area will feature props and resources for the children to become Antarctic explorers! They can dress up in warm clothes for their expedition and use the props to make a cosy campsite. They will also become Safari explorers. We will continue to take part in weekly music lessons with Mrs

Communication and Language

Children's communication and language will continue to be developed through 1-1, group and whole class discussions. Learning new words and creating a word bank for our topic. Also through our enhanced small world play and role play giving them opportunities to experiment using new vocabulary. This half term our small world play will be penguin habitats.

Maths

Children will be subitising up to 5 objects and using a 5 frame to identify these and match to numerals. Children will be counting to 10 and recognising the numerals to 10 and ordering these. Children will use vocabulary relating to weight, money and time. The children will learn a variety of different counting sounds and use props to sing these, including 5 current buns, 5 little ducks, 10 green bottles. Children will learn to identify circles, triangles and squares in the environment and use different materials to print, draw and make these. We will continue to develop shape and measure vocabulary, learning about 2D and 3D shapes and comparing the size, height and length of different objects.