

## Stories and Songs we are teaching this term

Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes  
Charlie Crow in the Snow- Paula Metcalf  
Going on a Polar Bear Hunt  
The Great Explorer- Chris Judge

### Songs

5 little polar bears  
Sun, Rain, Wind and Snow- the Singing Walrus  
Paw Paw Polar Bear

## Literacy

**Literacy** This term we will be practicing our comprehension skills. We will be practicing finding characters and objects on the page as well as using colourful semantics to comment on what is happening in a picture. We will be practicing our handwriting skills using sensory media to trace and copy lines, shapes and words.

**Communication** As part of communication this term, we will be practicing using aided language boards to request and comment. We will be practicing turn taking and social interaction through parachute games, duck duck goose, hide and seek and group songs. We will be exploring some new toys this term with a focus on developing our requesting and commenting skills. These include vehicles, dollies, tills and food play.

**Phonics** This term we are starting our new programme 'Read, Write, Inc: Phonics'. Some of us will be learning new letter sounds 'm, a, s, d, t, l, n' whilst others will be practicing blending for reading and spelling.

## Problem Solving and Reasoning

### Numeracy

This term we have a big emphasis on number and place value. We will be learning to differentiate between 'one' and 'lots' as well as practicing our one to one correspondence when counting. We will also be learning about money by matching, sorting and using coins to purchase items in our role play toy shop. We will also be exploring 'measure' this term by using comparative language 'big and small' and ordering objects according to their size.

**Other Areas** We will practice these concepts in cross curricular subjects including cooking, messy play, playtimes and setting up daily routines.

## Cold Countries Term 1

## Woodpecker Class



## How you Can help at home

Make some tasty snacks at home and practice using different cooking utensils. You could even recreate a soup now that the weather is getting colder!

Go on a special trip to the shops. Encourage your child to hand the money to the shopkeeper to practice using money with a purpose.

Practice counting in everything you do. This could be at bedtime, in the bath, getting ready in the morning. You might even want to count how many cars you see on a walk down your street.

Get out and about in all different types of weather. See if your child can choose appropriate clothing for the weather. You could then go jumping in muddy puddles in your wellies!

Use everyday materials to create artistic pieces at home. This could be sponges, cotton buds or even printing with fruit.

## Other Curriculum areas:

Here are some of the other things we are covering this Term:

**Topic/ Science**- This term we will be exploring the weather through sensory activities, sorting clothing according to the weather, identifying features of a cold country and exploring and using maps.

**Art/D.T**- We will be using a multi sensory approach to make a variety of different pieces. This includes painting with ice cubes, making snow scenes using cotton balls and making maps and binoculars for our treasure hunt around school.

**Cooking**- This term we will be focusing on using different cooking utensils with more independence. We will be making foods appropriate for eating in the cold weather. This includes porridge, soup and hot chocolate.

**P.S.H.E**- We will be practicing using zones of regulation, establishing class rules and expectations as well as interacting with our new friends in structured and unstructured sessions.

## Highlights

We are very excited for Sports Day this year. We have been practicing in our P.E sessions!

We have a special visit from Music for Autism.

We have a special birthday this term that we will be celebrating as a class.

