

Key texts and topics.

Hi everyone Happy New Year! Hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. This term our topic is Antarctica and we will be learning all about Winter and we will be exploring Ice. You never know we might get some snowy days! We welcome some new children and families moving up from Preschool this term and we look forward to getting to know you as you settle in to the setting. We love our parents/carers to be involved in their child's learning so don't forget to select a book to read at home each week and of course continue to encourage the children to sing the rhyme of the week that we send home. We are encouraging the children to become more independent so please can you encourage your child to get themselves dressed, put on their own shoes, coat and have a go at fastening the zips! Please speak to the nursery team if you have any questions or concerns.



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We will be settling back in to nursery after the holidays and welcoming the new children and families. We will continue to develop relationships with our friends and teachers as well as building our self esteem and confidence. We will continue learning to share and take turns and have a go at problem solving. We will continue to think about our feelings and the feelings of others and we will continue to talk about how we can be a good friend.

We will be learning how to keep safe indoors and outdoors as well as learning who keeps us safe. We will be learning all about things that are safe to go in our bodies.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our independence and self care skills with using the toilet confidently as well as practising fastening the zips on our coats and putting our own shoes and jumpers on. We will be using lots of writing tools as we develop our pencil grip as well as using different tools such as pipettes, tweezers, brushes, scissors and hole punchers. We will continue with our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle movement programme as we learn to move our bodies in a range of ways carefully and competently. We will continue to practice writing our name regularly and we will be developing our early writing skills as we mark make for a range of purposes in the different areas of provision in nursery.

Communication and Language

We will continue to sing lots of nursery rhymes daily and we will be developing our communication and language and oracy skills as we interact lots with our teachers and with our friends in our play. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary to do with Winter, Ice and Antarctica. We will continue to develop our ability to have a conversation with our teachers and friends, sharing and taking turns as well as developing our negotiating skills. We will be developing understanding by asking who, what, where and why questions to the children.



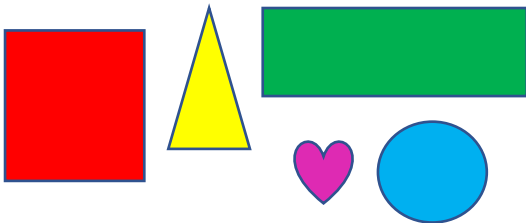
We will be singing lots of rhymes and songs as well as listening to stories that rhyme.

We will be learning to spot and suggest rhyming words as well as clapping out syllables in words.

We will be learning a different sound each week as well as blending the sounds we hear to make words.

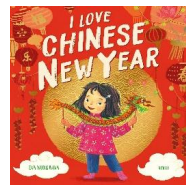
### Maths

We will be singing lots of counting rhymes as well as counting objects carefully and accurately. We will continue to learn how to subitise 1, 2 and 3 with a range of different objects and we will be getting faster at showing our finger numbers to 5 and then 10. We will be matching amount to numeral. We will be exploring position and routes as well as exploring shape.



### Understanding the World

We will be learning about penguins and what it's like to live in Antarctica. We will be learning about Winter and we will be exploring Ice. We will be learning about changes in materials and we will be learning about how water can be frozen and then melted again. We will be learning key facts about Chinese New Year in our RE work as well as learning about who cares for us and how we can help others.



### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be singing lots of songs and rhymes as well as playing instruments in a range of ways. We will be drawing with a range of tools as well as using different materials to make models and join materials together. We will be developing our imagination in the home corner and with the small world people and animals as we join in with pretend play, acting out stories and scenarios with our friends. We will be painting on ice and we will be using coloured ice to explore colour and colour mixing. We will be exploring a range of different textures and materials.

### How you can help your child at home

Please take a story home each week and read these every night to your child. By the end of the week your child should be able to read the story back to you which would be amazing! Please encourage your child to get dressed themselves as well as fastening the zips on their coat. Count as much as you can with your child and sing the rhyme of the week that we send home. Go on a shape hunt and talk about the shapes that you can find. Ask your child to give you a word that rhymes with.... and see if they can independently count out the number of syllables in a word. Please help your child with their toileting skills as they develop their independence with self care. You could also encourage your child to draw with a range of tools to help develop their pencil grip as well as practising to write their name.

