

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will engage in a variety of activities that encourage them to work collaboratively and take turns. We will encourage children to develop independence and resilience in their learning.

Children will continue to take part in weekly circle times following the Jigsaw scheme. The theme this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. Children will understand the importance of working towards a goal and not giving up.

## Physical Development

Children will continue to use a range of small tools to help develop their fine motor skills. We will practise holding a pencil effectively and in handwriting teach children how to form the different letter families.

The focus of the P.E sessions this term is Gymnastics. Children will be taught how to sequence a variety of movements including; balances, jumps and rolls. Our P.E days continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## Expressive Arts and Design



Children will be taught to use white to lighten shades and use black to darken them.

Children will be exploring pointillism by creating snowflakes.

Children will explore oil pastels, collage, salt painting and watercolours through different Winter art works.



## Literacy

### Reading

Children will begin to read in class as part of a small group. They will discuss key events and answer questions about the text. We will continue teaching daily phonics by continuing Phase 3 phonics. Children will become more confident when sounding out and blending Phase 3 words.

### Writing

Children will begin to write captions and sentences using the phonemes we have learnt so far. Children will begin to write sentences using a who and what. We will continue to practice accurate spelling using the Phase 2 and 3 phonics sounds we know.



## Theme

This term the children will learn all about the seasonal changes that happen during Winter. We will compare these to the changes during Autumn. Children will also begin explore what 'Winter' is like in different countries around the world, and will explore 'Winter' animals.

# Wonderful Winter

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## Communication and Language

Children will continue to practise good conversation skills by listening to others, asking questions and expressing their own ideas. Using pictures, children will understand language structure by adding the 'where' to the subject and verb to create their own sentences.

## Maths

Children will gain a deeper understanding of numbers to 5 how these are made up of different numbers. We will be ordering numbers to 5 and comparing them using the vocabulary 'more' and 'fewer'. Children will be practicing their oral counting to 20 and irregular subitising to 5. Children will also be taught to subitise 5 frames and use these to add and subtract numbers.



## Understanding the World

Children will explore the natural world around them including the seasonal changes that happen during Winter. Children will also be learning about 'Winter' around the world, exploring how different countries experience Winter. Children will be finding out what happens to animals during Winter and will be exploring the polar regions and the animals that live there.

