

Literacy

- Share reading books about winter e.g. It's Winter, The Snowman, Snow Bear, Winnie in Winter, Hedgehog Howdedo, 'Snowy Day'.
- Introduce non-fiction books and use them to find out information about winter, seasons, weather and hibernating animals. (along with Google)
- Talk about words we use to describe winter - cold, freezing, icy, slippery and use in creative writing
- Instructions on how to make a snowman
- Instructions on how to make hot chocolate.



Physical Development

- PE going on a journey to the South Pole to play with the penguins.
- Making snowflakes.
- Funky fingers letter formation
- Pre-cursive handwriting (Tripod grip)
- Healthy eating
- Staying safe in winter
- Chinese Dragon Parade



Reception Topic Web Spring 1 2021

Winter, Garden Birds
and Chinese New Year

Maths

- Using simple mathematical language to describe shapes
- Using shapes to make pictures and patterns
- Using simple mathematical language to describe size
- Comparing two lengths
- Family surveys
- Counting in order 1-20
- Using number names in order in familiar contexts up to 10 including '0'
- Counting reliably up to 6 objects from a larger group
- Recall 1 more or less than a given number up to 5
- Writing numbers in digits and in words
- Number bonds to 10 – magic ten. (e.g. $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$)



Personal, Social & Emotional Development and Communication and Language

- Take turns and share resources.
- Independently do shoes, sock and jogging bottoms before and after P.E.
- Select their own activities and discuss why they chose it.
- Talk about how they show feelings.



Understanding the World

- Make a winter investigation table.
- Talk about the weather in winter - snow, frost and ice and make a pictogram of the children's favourite type of winter weather.
- Investigate freezing and melting - (ice cubes).
- Talk about animals that live in cold climates - penguins, polar bears. Use the globe to locate South and North poles.
- Talk about animals that hibernate during the winter - use to make a non-fiction book
- Talk about the birds we can see in our garden. (Take part in bird watch weekend)
- Discuss feeding the birds in winter and make a pine cone bird feeder following written instructions.
- Discuss how we keep warm in the winter looking at different materials.
- Use Google to find out winter facts.
- Weather station
- Learning about China, Chinese New Year and other cultures.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Make snow globes.
- Snowy pictures using cold colours/colour mixing
- Paper plate snowmen
- Junk modelling bird houses
- Make garden birds using tubes
- Choosing colours for a purpose to design clothing that



Growth Mindset

Instilling a positive growth mindset and the use of the word 'yet' in all our learning.

Parental Involvement

- Parentshare

Story books

- The Snowman
- The Snow globe
- Snowy Day
- Non Fiction Texts about winter.
- Chopsticks

Festivals / R.E

- Harvest festival
- Learning about our local church.

British Values

- Introduction of Values