




Otter Class - Early Years Spring Term 2020 Learning Overview

Winter Wonderland		
Topic Overview	Prime Areas	Specific Areas
 <p>Our topic for this half term will be 'Winter Wonderland'. We will be learning all about the Polar regions. We have already found Eddie the Explorer's lost back pack containing clues as to where he has been. The children are very excited to learn about the animals that live there too. We have changed our role play area into Elsa and Anna's ice palace which the children are enjoying playing in. I think it is really important that the children take the lead in their learning so the activities and direction our topic takes will be planned around the children's interests, while covering the necessary areas of the EYFS curriculum.</p> <p>PE- Wednesday Morning (this will change throughout the year to ensure all Nursery children experience PE)</p> <p>Forest School- Tuesday Morning (and at least one other session in the week)</p> <p>Singing coach- Tuesday afternoon</p>	<p>Communication and language The children will have opportunities to ask and answer questions about what they know or want to know about the topic. They will also be encouraged to speak to various adults around school, not just the ones in our class!</p> <p>Physical development personal Children will continue weekly PE, Forest School and 'Write Dance' sessions. They will develop fine motor skills through a range of activities such as using tools when sculpting their animal models. We will learn how to keep safe and warm in winter. The children will develop their abilities to move to music when learning dragon dances too.</p> <p>Social and emotional development We have some new children joining our Nursery class so they will be settling into their new routines and classroom. The other children will be able to help them to settle in. The children will be focussing on working well in a small group to play games and take turns and develop their friendships.</p>	<p>Literacy We will be sharing books based around winter/ snow themes such as Lost and Found. We will also be looking at some non-fiction books to find out about Polar regions too. We will continue our phonics sessions too.</p> <p>Mathematics Early maths is always practical and fun. We will develop our use and understanding of mathematical language. We will continue our number work alongside shape, space and measure.</p> <p>Understanding the world The children will develop and understanding of winter. We will explore ice (and snow if we get any!) and how we can melt it. We will learn about different animals that live in cold places too and how they (and we) can keep warm.</p> <p>Expressive arts and design We will be making lots of 3D art and sculptures such as 3D snowflakes and models of Polar animals. We will be learning songs and dragon dances for Chinese New Year too.</p>
Community	Environment	Challenge
We will take part in whole-school Chinese New Year events with our buddies.	We will be learning about Polar regions and how they are different to Stannington.	Our challenge is to find out about the animals that live in the Polar regions.