

## English

In English this half term we will begin by writing a weather report on the United Kingdom. We will then read the story 'Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister to inform our writing. Children will describe the winter setting and discuss how the character Tom feels about winter. They will then write their own version of the story.

Children will continue daily phonics lessons. Please remember to read everyday with your children and practise their weekly spellings.

## Maths

In maths we will begin with understanding the place value of 2-digit numbers; including finding 1 more/less. We will continue to revise and recall number facts and solve simple word problems.

We will also consolidate our addition and subtraction methods. We will be introduced to 3D shapes and their properties and begin counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, recognising patterns. We will finish off with estimating a number of objects and then count in 2s, 5s or 10s to check.

## Science

In science we will be learning about seasonal changes and animals. We will be learning to name a range of domestic and wild animals and label animal body parts. We will group animals into amphibians, reptiles, mammals etc. We will also be comparing similarities and differences between animals. The children will be introduced to key vocabulary such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. They will then finish off by describing how animals are suited to their environment.



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## Topic

In our topic this half term we will be doing geography and art.

In geography we will be explaining the features of hot and cold places and identifying what we would wear in different seasons and why. We will compare the lifestyle of people who live in hot and cold places. Children will be learning about the equator, north pole and south pole and locate them on a globe or atlas.

In art we will be making animal masks and painting wild and domestic animals. We will also be annotating a picture from 'Winter's Child' to express our ideas and feelings. We will then use cutting and tearing techniques to create a collage. The children will also be introduced to printing and will print with sponges, vegetables and fruit. They will design their own printing block and create a repeating pattern. We will also be looking at and discussing the work of the artist William Morris.



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### Curriculum Newsletter

#### Year 1 Spring 1

#### **'How does the weather change with each season?'**

**Enrichment:** Belmont Farm - 11th February

**PE:** Tuesday, Wednesday (Ruby) Thursday (Robin)

**Homework:** Home on Friday and returned to school by Wednesday

#### Suggested books to read

A Year in Percy's Park — Nick Butterworth

One Snowy Night — Nick Butterworth

The Snowy Day — Ezra Jack Keats

Dream Snow — Eric Carle

A Stroll through the Seasons — Kay Barnham

Where Snowflakes Fall — Clair Freedman

One Rainy Day — Christina Butler

Tidy — Emily Gravett

## RE

In RE this half term the children are learning about Buddhism. They will be retelling the story of Buddha and exploring Buddhist symbols and artefacts.

## PSHE

In PSHE children will be learning about mental wellbeing and the importance of talking about feelings. They will explore personal hygiene and understand the importance of being clean.

#### Suggested places to visit

Local park visits- Arnos Park (What is the weather like on the day of your visit? What do you wear?)

Kentish Town City Farm — Free Entry

ZSL London Zoo

#### Suggested websites to visit

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.animalfactguide.com](http://www.animalfactguide.com)

[www.outstandingsscience.org](http://www.outstandingsscience.org) (seasons)