

English

This half term our writing will be linked to our theme, 'Animal Kingdom'. The children will begin their learning by describing the characters from the *Gruffalo*. We will then explore what is meant by a 'complete sentence' and where we need to use capital letters and full stops. 'Owl Babies' by Martin Wadell will also form the basis of our first 'story writing'. The children will learn this story using actions and pictures before planning, recounting and editing their own versions. This half term we will also read a range of poetry and write poems ourselves.

After half term we will be moving onto our second topic, 'Winter Wonderland'. In Literacy the children will look at and write their own non-fiction texts.

For example, the children will become 'Arctic Explorers' and will write a list of instructions about how to pack their expedition rucksack!



Science

Throughout the year we will be studying 'Seasonal Changes' and looking at how our environment changes with each new season.

This half term the children will also be studying 'Animals including Humans'. We will be looking at different types of animals and how we group them according to their characteristics. Later on we will think about why animals need 'senses' and whether all animals have the same needs.



Computing

This term we will be learning how to use the iPads to record our learning. We will learn how to use the iPads safely, how to access the app we need, and how to record our work using photographs and videos.

We will also be learning about how to stay safe when using technology such as the iPads.



Maths

We will begin the year by exploring number and place value. We will then be looking at the different methods for addition and subtraction including a range of resources. We will also be measuring length in non-standard units and identifying common 2D and 3D shapes.

To support your child at home, please help them with practising counting to and across 100, recalling their number bonds to 10 and writing the numbers up to twenty in words. These skills will help them with their learning in class!



Topic

This term our topics: 'Animal Kingdom' and 'Winter Wonderland' will feed into all subjects in the curriculum.

In addition to our Science units, the children will also be beginning to describe geographical similarities and differences.

As well as investigating our local area, we will also research the geography and climate of other countries around the world.



Art and Design & Technology

In Art the children have already been exploring with clay, paint and sketching! We will practise twisting, shaping and moulding clay to create a desired effect.

As the term continues, we will also be practising our collaging skills by creating our own beautiful sea creatures and polar animals!

