



"Learning together,
learning for life"

KEY DATES

20.01.26 2.30pm
Stay & Play

12.02.26
Chinese New
Year Lunch

13.02.26
INSET Day

14.02.26 to
24.02.26
Half Term

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Explorers

We will be learning about famous explorers and travelling around the world.



<p>Communication & Language</p> <p>We will continue to develop our vocabulary and being able to answer 'how' and 'why' questions. We will be developing our vocabulary linked to Winter and snow. Describing frosty mornings and the feeling of ice. FOCUS: I can ask questions to find out more.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>This half term we will be developing throwing and catching skills and working as a team. We will be developing our handwriting skills to hold a pencil and form letters correctly. Focus: I can cut down a line.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p> <p>In PSE we will be sharing our achievements and discussing what we are good at. The children have been developing their friendships across the year group and we will be looking at how we can help our friends. FOCUS: I can take turns.</p>
<p>Literacy</p> <p>In Literacy we will continue to teach the children their phonic sounds and will be focusing more on blending and segmenting words correctly to support their reading and writing. We will develop our writing of CVC words and captions. In guided reading we will be reading 'Be Brave Little Penguin', 'The Lion Inside' and non-fiction texts about explorers. FOCUS: I can write words.</p>		<p>Maths</p> <p>In Maths this half term we are continuing to count, recognise and order numbers to 10. We will be adding and subtracting numbers to 5. We will also be teaching children to compare the length of objects and footprints! FOCUS: I can count and recognise numbers to 7</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>We will develop paintings and drawings with more detail. We will be creating scenes of different landscapes using collage and texture. We will also be singing songs and using percussion instruments e.g. tambourines and triangles. FOCUS: I can draw using circles and lines for a purpose.</p>	<p>Knowledge & Understanding of the World</p> <p>This half term we will be recreating the science experiences from Sublime Science. Then looking at contrasting parts of the world Africa and Antarctica. FOCUS: I can compare places around the world to where I live.</p>	
<p>RE Celebrating Shabbat</p>		

Home Learning Ideas

<p>Joint challenge</p> <p>Find objects that are longer and shorter than your feet. Look at who has the longest and shortest feet in your family.</p>	<p>Parent's challenge</p> <p>Visit the local library with your child to borrow story and non-fiction books about Winter and explorers</p>	<p>Child's challenge</p> <p>Draw a picture of what you can see out of your window on a frosty morning.</p>
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Miss Davis

Mrs Ruos

Mrs Campbell

Mrs Joy