Communication and Language:

The children will be encouraged to show 'good listening' and 'good turn taking' at carpet times when they show they can listen and maintain concentration. They will be encouraged to listen to each other and wait for their turn to talk. They will be encouraged to explain their ideas and stay 'on topic'!

Mathematics:

The children will meet maths throughout their learning and will have lots of practical problems to solve involving addition and subtraction. They will become more confident at recognising numbers and be encouraged to spot patterns in numbers. They will play games which will help to develop simple mental maths. They will explore capacity as we explore water – frozen and melted.

Understanding the World:

We will use the story 'Lost and Found' which to help us think about cold weather, cold places and about animals from Polar regions. We will be learning about changes over time by exploring what happens to ice as it melts and water as it freezes. The children will be encouraged to think about how they can find out information by working with the adults to use nonfiction books and the computers.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be encouraged to respond to their learning through painting, music, movement and drama. They will be exploring cold colours and how they make them feel. The children will be encouraged to use role play and small world play to re-enact the stories they know as well as creating their own stories, using props they can find around the classroom to support their play.

Literacy:

Writing: The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations and for different purposes. They will be encouraged to write down the phonemes they hear as they begin to understand the links between phonics and writing and planning simple sentences they want to write.

Reading:

The children will be learning to use nonfiction books to find out information. They will also read books which are matched to their phonic ability with an adult once a week.

Phonics:

The children continue to have a daily phonics session. From this half term they will be grouped with other children who have similar phonic skills. They shall be practising all that they have learnt so far, learn new phonemes and tricky words. They will have chance to practise their phonic skills in lots of classroom activities throughout the day.

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Physical Development:

The children will have opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills. Through using simple tools both indoors and outdoors. They will have access to balls so they are able to create their own games. They will practise movements which will help with letter formation and be encouraged to develop a pincer grip to hold a pencil. The children will have a PE session in the hall, This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics.

Forthcoming Events:

Reception: Next Steps for Learning Wednesday 31st January 6.30pm Learning Reviews Tuesday 27th February 3.40-6.20pm Thursday 1st March 3.40-6.20pm

World Book Day Thursday 1st March – details to follow

PSED:

With new friendships made, the children will be encouraged to play cooperatively, share resources and also to use words to explain how they are feeling. We will consider what we can do to make sure we are being a good friend. Each class will be making New Year's Resolutions for the year ahead and will be persevering to keep them. **RE:**

We will be listening to and acting out stories from the Bible and Qu'ran, finding out a little bit about Christianity and Islam.

Forest School

This half term **MAGENTA** class will have Forest School with Mrs Smith. They will need a change of clothes - warm full length trousers and a long sleeved tshirt/ jumper. They will also need a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school too.

PLEASE ENSURE ANY CLOTHING COMING INTO SCHOOL IS NAMED.