

**Literacy:** This term we will be listening to different stories set in cold places and using fact books to find out about different arctic animals. We will also be finding out about the Inuit people. We will develop our skills of word building and reading to help us label our findings and write small captions. We will also begin to learn our keywords and use these in our reading and writing too (these will be sent home next week with an explanation).

**Maths:** We will be using everyday language to develop our money skills in our new toyshop role-play as well as developing our language and understanding of counting, length, time and 3D shapes. We will be practising our number writing and looking carefully at number formation.

**Physical development:**

We will be developing our skills in balance and co-ordination. We will also be using movement to recreate scenes from the well-known Christmas story, 'The Snowman'.

**Personal, social and emotional development:**

We will be learning different ways we can resolve problems with our friends and how we can listen to the ideas of others carefully in our learning.



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**Expressive arts and design:**

This term we will be investigating 'cold colours' and using them to create snowy scenes. We will also investigate collage to create arctic animals and use different construction materials to create a giant igloo!

In music we will be learning lots of new Christmas songs in preparation for our play and will also be investigating making loud and quiet noises with instruments to accompany some wintry songs about a hibernating bear!

**Understanding the World:**

This term we will be finding out about different winter festivals, including Hanukkah and Christmas and think about how people celebrate these special times in different ways. We will also be finding out about the Inuit people and their culture.

We will have a Winter week near the end of term where we will investigate how our environment is changing as we say goodbye to Autumn and hello to Winter! We will be making animal homes to help our wildlife in winter and will compare cold places with our own environment. We will also investigate freezing and different materials to help keep us warm.

Using the i-pads and the large smart board in the classroom we will learn how to play different maths and phonics games and will also be investigating Beebot, a busy bee robot who will be giving Santa a helping hand!