

Reception -



Our Spring Term Learning Journey



Ice Worlds



Where is the Arctic? What colours can we see? What is the same and what is different between England and the Arctic?







Which animals live in the Arctic?



Using fictional texts to learn about emotions, being different and being a kind friend.



Who lives in the Arctic? What clothes do they wear? Where do they live? What do they eat?



Where do penguins live? What do they eat? How many types of penguins are there?

<u>In the Spring term we are hoping to immerse your child in</u> <u>our topic. We are therefore looking to...</u>

- Learn about different animals living in the Arctic.
- Learn about the lives of other people living in a different country to us.
- Explore maps and our world to find out where the Arctic is.
- Learn some facts about Inuit's and different cultures.
- Use musical instruments to accompany a song.
- $\circ~$ Use ICT software to create an Antarctic picture.
- Explore cold colours and use ink to make Arctic artwork.

How can I help?

- Bring in non-fiction and fictional books about the Arctic (Spring 1) or Antarctic (Spring 2)
- Have you experience of living or visiting an ice world? Do you have any knowledge to share with the children? If so please come and speak to the teachers.
- Please support your child with their independent dressing, putting on their coats, jumpers, socks/tights etc. We expect most children to be able to manage this now we are in Spring term.
- Now it is Spring term we expect most children to be independently writing their name. During this term we will be doing lots more writing and the expectation is that children will be writing short simple sentences.



You might want to join in with our learning at home by...

Reading



- Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers
- The Night Iceberg Helen Stephens
- $\circ~$ Raven Child and The Snow Witch Linda Sunderland
- When penguins cross the ice Sharon Katz Cooper
- Non Fiction books: Arctic Fox Dee Phillips
- In Arctic Waters Laura Crawford
- Arctic Adventure Skye Waters
- Hide Away Husky Lisa McCue

Watching



Doing

- CBeebies Radio Andy's Wild Adventures to the Arctic
- $\circ~$ CBeebies Andy's Arctic Animal Quiz
- CBeebies The Snowflake Mistake Bedtime Story read by Suranne Jones.
- Snow Animals BBC
- \circ Go ice skating
- Explore Google Earth
- Explore ice
- Make your own ice and freeze toys in it. Find out what happens if you add salt to ice.

Visiting

- Visit the library and find books about the Arctic and Arctic animals
- Play outside on a frosty or snowy day!

Here is a list of questions that we hope to answer this

<u>term...</u>

- Where is the Arctic?
- What is the weather like there?
- What does it look like?
- Would you like to live there?
- What is an Inuit?
- Where do they live?
- Where do they sleep?
- How do they keep warm?
- How do they get around?
- How are Inuit people different to us?
- What is ice?
- What is under the ice?
- What are the different Arctic animals?
- What are the Northern Lights?





Shopping Wish List

Messy play is important for young children, giving them endless ways to develop and learn. As part of our sensory learning we like to have a range of textures for the children to explore.

For example playing with 'goo' or shaving foam. These resources are needed throughout the year and can be costly, we wondered if you might like to make a donation by buying an item from our 'shopping wish list' as part of your weekly shop. We do not need these items every week but just every now and then.

It would be wonderful for any donations! Also the cheapest brand is perfect the cheaper the better!! Thank you.

WISH LIST: Shaving foam, cornflour, icing sugar, cream of tartar, hair gel. Any white fabric, or old blue / white bedsheets. Any old unwanted Christmas decorations, silver or blue tinsel, lights, snowflakes etc.

Thank you.