

Spring Term One Reception



English

Our topic is 'The Big Freeze' This term we will continue to story map each story in order to learn to retell the and stories, recall key facts. We will use alliteration to write our own snow poems. We will also look at adjectives to describe the setting and use them in postcard writing.

We are reading...



Phonics

We will begin the term by revising phase two, before we move onto phase three and learn the graphemes ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, ear, air, er.

Tricky words: was, you, they, my, ball, by, all, are, sure, pure.

Maths

We will cover a variety of topics from numbers up to 5, capacity and measures where we will learn about full and empty, heavy and light. We will subitise, count and represent numbers 6, 7, and understand 0. We will learn about odd and even numbers and begin to learn doubles facts through our doubles song.

Geography

We will look at large maps and globes and find out where the cold places are on our planet. We will look at the Arctic and Antarctic and investigate what animals live there.

Homework:

Please read at home with your child 5 times each week.

Please read the tricky words sent home with your child each week as part of weekly homework too.

R.E

Christmas:

We will continue the Christmas unit from where Jesus is born.

Baptism

In this unit the children learn about the church building being an important gathering place for God's Family. They will be introduced to some of the important symbols and actions of the Baptismal Rite.



Science

We will look at animals that live in cold places and describe them. We will make animal tracks in 'snow'. We will look around the school grounds to investigate 'secret kingdoms' and find out what animals or insects live there. We will investigate Materials including looking for dew, ice and frost. We will investigate forces including floating and sinking, how toy cars move and how objects fall through the air.

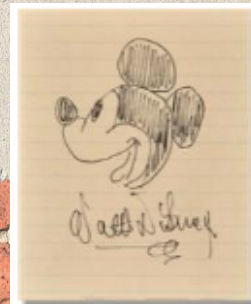
PE

We will continue to do PE on a Thursday when for St Thomas More PE kit should be worn to school.

We will cover Fundamentals this term allowing children to explore movement skills through places and spaces, they will run, hop, jump and learn about perseverance and working safely.

Art

During our art week focus we are looking at and comparing art work by Walt Disney. We will use a variety of drawing tools to tell a story from our imagination, we will become more accurate in our drawing and use pencil to shade within the outlines.



Music

We will be learning several nursery rhymes and action songs, including:
Wind the bobbin up
Rock a bye baby
5 little monkeys jumping on the bed
Twinkle twinkle
If you're happy and you know it

RHE

We will consider our bodies and how they move and what different body parts are called (this will not include genitalia).

We will consider mental wellbeing as part of 'Healthy me' and mental wellbeing week.

We will look at the value of Mutual Respect and discuss what this looks and feels like as part of our British Values this term.

Computing

Key skills for ICT will be taught through RHE and other areas of learning, including:

- Being confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Explaining the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly