



Understanding the World

- The children will explore:
- What happens when water freezes and ice melts?
  - What polar animals are there and where do they live?
  - Famous Explorers
  - Group animals by polar and desert regions and begin to compare animals from these regions
  - Asian animals and the meaning of “endangered” animals
  - How people celebrate Chinese New Year

Communication and Language

Children will develop their public speaking skills through speaking in front of the class, notably through sharing holiday news in the first week of the term. Children will learn and use new vocabulary about animals and different habitats. They will engage in non-fiction books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our theme for circle time is ‘Dreams and Goals’. We will be learning how to encourage other people and not give up when things are tricky. Children will develop an understanding of “persevering”. We will think about what it means to be proud and celebrate our achievements.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Experiment with ice painting
- Salt and water painting
- Desert transient art with sand, rocks and pebble
- Using repeating patterns, including through snake art
- Roleplaying Arctic expeditions, Dragon dances and the story of Elmer once we have seen this in the theatre

Maths

- This term we will:
- Explore mass and capacity
  - Compare mass and capacity
  - Find, represent and find the composition of 6, 7 and 8
  - Find one more and one less than numbers up to 8
  - Make pairs (odd and even)
  - Learn to find and make doubles to 8

Animals



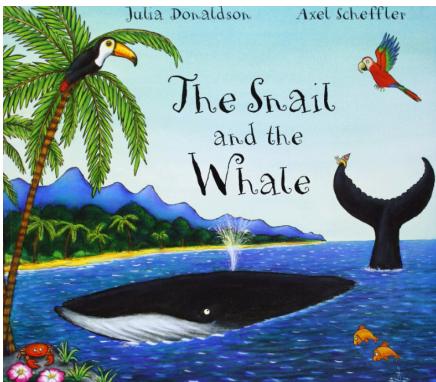
Why don’t polar bears eat penguins?

Physical Development

Children will develop their gross motor skills through activities such as den building and making an igloo. Through malleable play, the children will continue to build on their fine motor skills.

Literacy

- Children will...
- Write a recount of their holiday, beginning to learn about the past tense
  - Write a postcard - linked to our class text ‘The Snail and the Whale’
  - Create a fact file of an animal
  - We will continue to learn new sounds in our daily phonics lessons, following the scheme Read Write Inc.



Music

- Moving to the beat: exploring the different ways we can move to styles of music thinking about animals and their movements
- Dancing and drumming for Chinese New Year
- Valentine’s Song

Spanish

- El invierno
- Exploración sensorial en el jardín: la temperatura.
- La ropa adecuada para salir: los materiales.
- Los 3 estados del agua
- Un año alrededor del gran roble: invierno
- Mi huerto: invierno
- Animales polares y animales asiáticos

PE

- Exercise with balls and rings looking for accuracy.
- Badminton and hockey games and exercise.
- Cooperation run & catch games.