



Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to share their news with the class and to ask each other 'how', 'what', 'where' and 'why' questions.

They will talk about how they celebrated Christmas and New Year and will learn about how other cultures celebrate New Year.

The Children will help to set up a Role- Play area with snow and an igloo.

Literacy

Children will be taught Phonics each day to develop the skills needed to read and write. We will also be looking together at the following books:

New Year's Day (Holidays and Celebrations)

by Mari C. Schuh

Squirrel's New Year's Resolution by Pat Miller

The Night Before New Year's by Natasha Wing

Happy New Year, Spot! by Eric Hill

Shante Keys and the New Year's Peas by Gail Piernas-Davenport

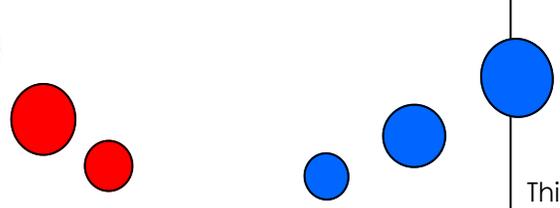
P. Bear's New Year's Party! by Paul Owen Lewis

It's New Year's Day! by Richard Sebra

New Year's Day by Lynn Peppas

Collins Big Cat: Happy New Year!

by Helen Chapman



Winter and Winter Celebration

This term children will be exploring how the weather is changing, what do the children notice? What sort of clothes are people wearing? How do we keep warm? How do animals keep warm? How do animals survive in the Arctic? Children will be describing snowmen, exploring ice, snow, snowflake patterns and symmetry. The Children will also learn about celebrations that occur in winter. **New Year, Burns Night and Chinese New Year**



Mathematics

Number, Space, Shape and Measure

This term the children will be taught in differentiated groups they will be improving their counting skills and learning about Ordinal Numbers. They will learn practice addition using their fingers, objects and a number line. They will create patterns and learn about symmetry. The children will be introduced to symmetry, weight, money and time.



Expressive Arts and design Exploring and using media and materials

The children will be encouraged to express themselves using music, dance and art. We will be looking at Chinese Art and Design. We will also be listening to Vivaldi's Four Seasons.



Understanding of the World

Children will be learning about how different countries and different cultures celebrate New Year. They will be cooking and eating food from different countries. They will explore similarities and differences.

ICT Children will be given the opportunity to use iPads and Beebots and the interactive screen in the classroom.



Physical Development

Wednesday –A structured PE Lesson with Mr Tranmer. Each day children are given access to the climbing equipment and sessions are organised giving the children free access to the bikes, bats, balls and other equipment.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

The children will start the term by making a New Year Resolution. We will focus on looking after the animals and birds in winter and taking care of the environment. The children will be involved in team games and will take part in board games, hopefully learning to win and lose gracefully. Through out the term the main focus will be about making friends, behaviour, sharing and all the social skills needed to be successful and happy in a learning environment.



Happy New Year!

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The children have settled back into the learning routine remarkably quickly and are working productively. From September we have been learning about the Four Seasons and this term we are focusing on Winter. We will be encouraging the children to explore their environment and notice the changes in the weather and the effect of the colder weather on the animals, birds and plants.

Please can you make sure your child has a coat in school at all times? They also need a change of shoes for outside. This can be different outdoor shoes or some indoor shoes like slippers. If they do not have a change of shoes they will not be allowed on the grass at play times and lunch times when it is muddy. Also please make sure that your child has a PE Kit with some spare clothes in case of an accident.

All of the Hedgehogs have now signed up to RM Easi- Maths and are enjoying working at home. If your child is notified by RM Easi- Maths that they have moved up a level please let us know so that we can print off a certificate and present it to your child in assembly.

The Hedgehogs are reading regularly at home and I am encouraged by the good progress that they are making in their reading and writing. The children are also benefitting from your support in the mornings with their 'Morning Starter'. I enjoy the chance to have an informal catch up with you all but please remember I am also available after school if you need to discuss any concerns or if you would like to discuss the progress that your child is making. Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to another successful term working together with you.

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Class Teacher

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Important Dates/Events

Wednesday- PE with Mr Tranmer	10.2.17- Last day of school term
French with Madam Kernick	13.2.17 – 17.2.17- Holiday
PSED with Mrs Dunkley	28.2.17 and 1.3.17- Parents evening
	2.3.17- World Book Day
	27.3.17 – Trip to Hunstanton Sea Life Centre