

Is Winter Wonderful?

Windmill
Spring Term 2018



Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists** we will be exploring why winter may be thought to be wonderful by researching weather and winter activities. We will be learning about the changes around us by going on a winter walk around school. We will be looking at the lives of people and animals that live in cold climates. We will also be exploring our senses further when exploring things such as frost, snow and Ice.

As **Artists** we will be creating winter scenes using a range of materials and different media. We will also make our own stick men in connection with our class novel and will be creating finger print snowmen and robins as well as singing winter rhymes and songs.

As **Geographers** we will be exploring what winter is like in different countries and if they are all the same? We will also learn about how winters have changed over time in the United Kingdom.

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE & LITERACY

In Literacy we will be studying poems about nature. We will be looking closely at rhyme and patterns.

We will continue to look at 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and then 'The Magic Porridge Pot' will be our fiction text this term. We will be learning key storytelling skills enabling us to map, retell and adapt the story in our own guided writing.

We will be learning new songs and singing our rhymes. We will be hot seating different characters and using sounds we have learnt to write.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths lessons we will be focusing on the following areas:

- We will be focusing on our number recognition.
- We will be learning to count forwards and backwards.
- We will be counting objects from nature.
- We will be playing dice games to help our counting on and adding.
- We will be looking at measuring length and comparing amounts.

RE

In R.E. we will be learning about celebrations and how people celebrate in different cultures.

PSCHE

In PSCH we will be choosing the correct outdoor clothing for different weathers. We will be looking at frost and ice in the garden. We will be thinking about how to take care outside on slippery surfaces and will discuss how we feel about the weather.

PE

In PE we will be exploring how to move in different ways when creating a dance and in gymnastics we will be practising our balance skills as well as using floor equipment.

COMPUTING

We will use programmable toys and coding apps this term.

We will continue to increase our mouse/pad control through the use of different computer programs.

MUSIC

We will be exploring the elements of music focussing on rhythm and pulse.

We will sing songs from memory with enjoyment, some expression and a sense of the shape of the melody.

FRENCH

In French will continue to learn about greetings and we will also be looking at colours and numbers in French.

Enrichment

As part of our curricular enrichment we will:

Visit the Story Museum in Oxford. We will learn all about storytelling and take part in the Bedtime workshop.

Learning to Learn Skills

To help us develop a growth mindset and positive attitude to study we will:

- Learn about what happens in the brain when we learn something new
- Learn how to maximise our learning through focus, effort and deliberate practice
- Learn how working as a team helps everyone to learn more

SMSC

To develop our spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness as pupils we will:

- Work collaboratively and co-operatively with our peers.
 - Think about and express our feelings.
 - Sustain our self-esteem in the learning experience.
- Our Values are Friendship and Love.

Community

As members of our school community we will:

Think of ideas about how we can be an active part of our community by helping others.