

Holmwood Nursery - Foundation Stage 1 Spring 1 –The cold & winter

Welcome back after the Christmas break and a warm welcome to our new pupils. This term our theme is 'The cold and Winter', we have chosen the following books as our core texts for the half term;



The activities we will be covering will be linked to our core texts.

Personal, social and emotional development



We will be thinking about the golden rules and how we need to behave in nursery as well as other places where we might need to change how we behave. Children will be encouraged to think about their opinions and interests and how to describe themselves in positive ways.

Language, Communication, and Literacy



We will understand and ask our own how and why questions as well as trying to give simple explanations about things that we have observed. We are going to try and guess what might happen in stories, use positional language and retell events using a range of tenses.

The sounds that we are focusing on this term are **o, p, n & g**; we will be practising how to write them, finding words which begin with them and use these sounds to build simple words. We will be telling people about the marks we make and what they mean.

Mathematical development



We will be using the language of weight and capacity to compare items and order them. We will continue to explore numbers using numicon to support us to count accurately, work out totals and say one more than a given number; through these activities we will use the language of addition. We will introduce simple language related to time & order/sequence familiar events.

Understanding the World



As part of our learning we will be comparing environments and seasons, observing & investigating ice melting. We will find out about the features of arctic animals and how they live in the cold.

We will use computers to find information.

Physical development



We will continue to explore how to move in different ways, negotiate space and move over/under/around obstacles.

We will think about how to use equipment safely & with increasing independence.

Expressive Arts & Design



We will be developing our imaginative role play in the igloo! As part of our creative development we will be painting snow scenes, making large scale polar bears and penguins, building igloos with junk modelling resources & we will make snowflakes and flowers.

School Value – Caring

This half term we are focusing on the value Caring. Children will be asked to put a jewel in the 'Caring' jar, each time an adult sees them being caring to others. All adults in school will be looking for opportunities to reward the children. Please can you talk to your child/ren at home about how they can be caring?

Our school value links with the British Values, which the children are learning about regularly in assemblies and in class.