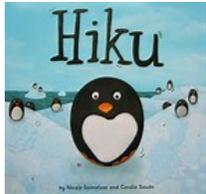


Understanding of the World

We will be exploring how ice changes at different temperatures and developing our predicting and explanation skills. We will be seeing the ways that people cope with changes in temperature and how they stay healthy and well in different areas.

We will be using our investigation skills to find the properties of different materials, especially things that can float to build a raft and that are insulating to keep us warm.



In our computing sessions we will be using the iPads to create our own eBooks with captions, photos and audio recordings.

At the beginning of February we will be learning about the Chinese New Year festival and how people in different parts of the world celebrate. We will be also trying different foods from China.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be concentrating on using different media and combining them to make new effects. We will be making snowflakes and Antarctic animals to decorate classroom, and using musical instruments to compose music to make us think about cold and frost.



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We will be learning how to give and receive constructive feedback about our art work in order to improve our techniques.

Thank you ,
Reception Team

Woodland Animals & Seasons



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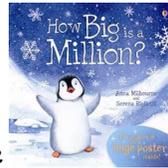


Welcome to All Saints Reception Class. Our first theme this half term will be Woodland Animals..

Many aspects of this are linked to winter around the world due to the unpredictability of the British weather! We will be discussing the children's experiences in the snow and the investigations they made.

Communication and Language

We will be exercising our communication muscles by discussing the answers to some big questions during our circle time sessions and Foundation Stage assemblies. The children will be able to direct their learning during this topic by finding out about different Antarctic animals and sharing their knowledge verbally.

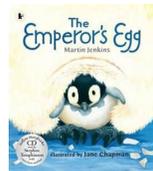


Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop our characteristics of effective learning through our dinosaurs Tryasaurus, Thinasaurus and Explorasaurus.

We have begun by reading "Owl Babies" and making predictions about how the story might end and what the different characters are feeling.

We will also use the book "Emperor's Egg" to find out more about penguins and their amazing lives and will use this information to see how the penguins must work together to survive in the cold Antarctic. We will be exploring the feelings of characters in different stories and how they resolve problems and interact with each other.



Physical Development

In our PE sessions we will be focussing on dance and how we can move in time to the music and create a series of movements that can tell a story. We will watch part of the film "Happy Feet" and videos of penguins walking on ice and swimming to try to recreate these movements. We will be looking at letter formation and engage in a wide variety of fine and gross motor activities to build up the strength needed to draw and write. We will be concentrating on our creative skills - using different materials and making changes to them to create new effects.

Literacy

We will focus on recognising letters and sounds following the Letters and Sounds program and have begun to blend letters together to create simple 3 and 4 letter words.



We will use the beautiful book "Lost and Found" about a little boy and a penguin to continue our story telling skills. Through work on this text we will practise our writing skills by labelling pictures, sequencing the story and creating our own versions of the story!

Mathematical Development

We will be developing a deep understanding of the numbers from 0-10 following a mastery approach. We will be comparing numbers, using the vocabulary of more and less, In practical activities we will explore length, mass, capacity and time.

