

# Reception & Y1 - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

**Firstly, we hope you and your families are safe and well!**

Please find below some challenges that you may wish to complete with children while we continue to be off from school due to the weather. It would be great if you could take photos of the children completing the challenges.

**Take care, stay safe and enjoy the snow! See you soon!**

*(Please note that World Book Day will be rearranged later next week)*

Mrs Kenyon & Mrs Potter ☺

**All Children:**

**World Book Day Scavenger Hunt:**

Using books from home can you find the following items:

Witch  
Elephant  
Porridge  
Duck  
Train  
Teddy Bear  
Bus  
Frog  
King  
A character shouting  
A happy ending  
A surprise

**All Children:**

**Can you build a snowman:**

Who is tallest you or your snowman?  
What can you use to measure your snowman?  
How tall is your snowman?



**All Children:**

**Nature Detectives:**

The birds are struggling in this snowy weather to find food. Can you help them and make a bird feeder;

You will need:

- Cardboard tube e.g. kitchen roll inner
- Peanut butter
- Bird seed

1. Tip some bird seed onto a plate.
2. Cover the outside with peanut butter.
3. Roll your sticky tube in the seeds until it's all covered.
4. Now slip your tube over the branch of a tree or bush in your garden, or thread some string through the tube and hang it up.



**All Children:**

**Handwriting:**

Can you practice forming/writing these letters:  
l, i, u, t, y, j

You could practice in the snow, on paper, making them with playdough. Can you think of any other ways you could make these letters?

## **All Children:**

### **Mathematics:**

We are going to start doing some work on measures. Baking provides a great opportunity for children to get hands on experience. It would be great if you took some photographs of your mini chefs hard at work. This is just a suggested recipe but please feel free to us any other recipes you have.

## **Ingredients**

250g butter (cut into small pieces, softened)

140g caster sugar

300g sifted plain flour

1 egg yolk

2tsp vanilla extract

## **Make the butter biscuits dough**

- Mix the butter and sugar together until its really light and fluffy looking.
- Break the egg and separate the yolk and white, keeping the yolk and adding it to the butter and sugar mix.
- Mix in the vanilla extract.
- Add half the flour and mix well, then add the rest and mix slowly until you've got a nice dough that's not too wet.
- Knead the dough into a ball. Leave it in the bowl and put it in the fridge for half an hour to chill.

## **Make biscuit shapes**

- Roll out the dough to about the thickness of a pound coin.
- Cut circles with the rim of a clean glass or use cookie cutters to make shapes.
- If you want to make more complicated shapes, you'll find this kind of dough easy to cut however you want, with a small sharp knife.

## **Bake your butter biscuits**

- Grease a baking tray and lay out the biscuits with a little gap between each.
- Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C (gas mark 4) for 12-15 minutes.
- Don't forget that they will harden more when they're cooling so take them out of the oven when they are still a little bit soft.
- Carefully slide them off the tray and cook on a rack.
- Decorate them with writing icing and store in an airtight box... if you don't end up eating them all straight away!

### Reception - Outside:

What is the deepest snow pile in your garden? How do you know? How did you measure it?

I heard on the radio that the birds are struggling to find water with all this snow. Can you make a bird bath. Don't forget to keep checking it still has water in it.

Spend 5 minutes watching for birds. How many did you see? Find out what kind of birds they were.

Find some objects (if they are not too covered in snow!!) and make some 'flat' shapes with them on top of the snow. You might use stones or sticks; maybe leaves from a bush.

### Inside:

How many windows do you have in your house? You might like to take each room e.g. bedroom/lounge. How many is in each? Which room has the most? Which room has the smallest number?

I have been putting up a new winter display using all your brilliant deciduous trees. We now need some winter writing to go on it too. Spend some time thinking of some amazing wow words to describe winter. Practise being brave and write them down.

### Reception & Year 1

This week we have been talking about finding 'old' objects in your house (and remember we don't mean grandma or granddad!)

Get your trusted adult to help you on a computer, ipad or book. Can you find pictures of how these items might have looked - telephone, tractor, cooker, washing machine, or something else.

### Year 1 - Outside:

Find a ruler if you don't have one use something else to measure with. What is the deepest snow in your garden? Measure 5 different piles of snow! Make a table to write down your measurements. Don't forget to say where you were measuring, how deep it was (cm) or (m). If you're using your own measure e.g. spoons don't forget to say how many spoons it is!

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The snow I have noticed isn't very good at sticking together! If you find it is now a bit better find some containers which you can use like a 'bucket'. How many different 'solid' (3D) shapes can you make? Can you make a cube? A different cuboid? A cone? What about a sphere?

### Inside:

How many windows do you have in your house? You can of course count them one at a time, but now you are year 1's look to see if there is a quicker way to count them. Is it better to count in 2s, 5s or even 10s?

I have been putting up a new winter display using all your brilliant deciduous trees. We now need some winter writing to go on it too. Spend some time thinking of some amazing wow words to describe winter. Choose your favourite word. Now play around with different ways/ styles of writing it i.e. bubble writing/ spikey writing/ writing with icicles on it...! What colours are best to use? Use some of your list of words to make some descriptive sentences about winter. I'm already shivering.

Here is a space to tell us about anything your child has been doing or talking about at home.

Any pictures of your child in the snow would be fantastic too! **Thank you, take care!**