



# Our Half-Termly Topic is Winter wonderland



## Communication and language



We will be learning  
Names of Arctic Animals, hibernating animals  
Winter sensory trays.  
Learning new vocabulary.  
Describing /facts about Arctic and Antarctic and hibernating animals.  
Discussing the changes in seasons.  
Have a look at weather symbol cards and see if the children can guess what kind of weather the symbol represents. Discuss different types of weather with the children and introduce some vocabulary which might be new to the children

## English



We will be learning :  
Winter rhymes and songs.  
Phonics phase 1  
Winter themed story books from our bookshelves

## Maths



We will be learning to  
Order numbers  
Sorting and ordering winter items by length.  
Making winter patterns  
Matching and pairing winter clothes.  
Counting winter objects/ winter  
Sorting winter objects.

## Physical Development



We will be learning :  
Cutting skills when doing different activities.  
Putting on own winter clothing and attempting own zips, buttons  
Moving our bodies like snow flakes, snow storms, wind, rain...etc.  
Making playdough: white, glittery...etc.  
Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip .  
Children will have a range of mark making opportunities.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We will be learning to:  
play cooperatively with others and take turns.  
share resources and take turns in order to get on with others.  
give the children some clothes and props to sort into hot weather and cold weather clothes.  
ask children what we need if we were going out on a cold day.  
why should we cover our self if we are going for a walk in the winter?

## Understanding the world



We will be learning to:  
Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.  
The weather is colder in winter and warmer in summer .  
In the winter, the evenings gets darker earlier. In the summer, the evening stays lighter for longer.  
How do human and animals keep warm in winter/ link to habitat.

## Expressive Art and Design



We will be learning to:  
Remember and sing well known rhymes and songs in a small group  
Learn new rhymes  
Cotton wool picture of polar bears/ snow flake.  
Winter scenes painted on black paper.  
Winter dressing up/ role play area.  
The use of different  
Select tools and techniques needed to shape and join materials ( making winter animals, different habitat,)  
Understand that different media can be combined to make different effects( making snowflakes, snowman, icicles, decorated cone pines).  
Winter small world.