



Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter



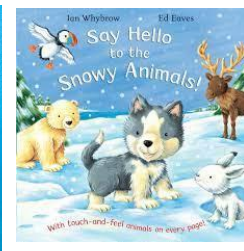
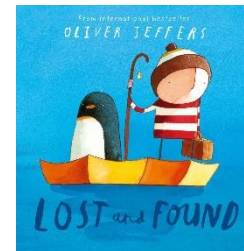
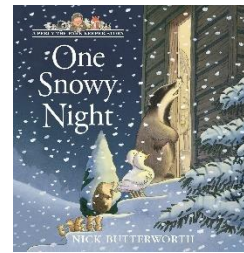
Reception – Spring Term 1

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland is our topic for this half term, where we will spend time learning about this season and use wonderful books to support this!

These are: One Snowy Night, Stickman, Lost and Found, and Say Hello to the Snowy Animals.

We will also spend time learning some non-fiction information about Winter and Arctic Animals.



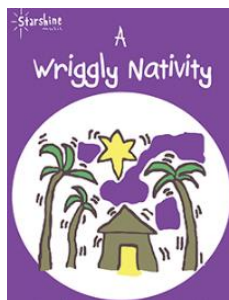
Christmas Nativity 2022

We were so proud of our children for trying really hard to practise and take part in the school nativity.

The children learnt so many words to the songs and lots of lines to read, as well as actions, which was fantastic!

They were all so excited about the performance, and we thank you all for attending.

Well done, Reception!



Our Learning

Over this half term we will be doing lots of different activities based around all areas of learning. Here is some of the learning we will be doing:

Literacy – Writing letters and words, labelling pictures and objects. Reading sounds and blending words.

Maths – recognising and naming 2D shapes, developing counting skills, subitising and composition of numbers.

Understanding the World – Exploring the polar regions and the animals that live there. Learning about the seasons.

Art and Design – use different materials to make different winter pictures, creating a season's tree, using independent ideas to create art.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Discussing themselves and people who are special to them, looking at people who help us, online safety and emotions.

We hope you had a lovely time over the Christmas period.

The children have come back into school and settled back into the routines really well, and we are looking forward to lots of learning in our spring term!



Home Learning

We love hearing about all the lovely things the children do at home. Home learning has lots of benefits so here are some ideas linked to our topic for you to try.

- Go on a winter walk. Use your senses, what can you see or hear?
- Collect some objects from your winter walk and make a piece of art with them.
- Freeze some ice with food colouring and do some ice painting.
- Use cotton wool balls, paper cups or other items to make a 3D snowman.
- Do some research about animals that like to live in cold weather.
- Use folded paper to create snowflakes.



Outdoor Area

We are looking to develop our outdoor area very soon (we are very excited!)

If you have any old pots, pans, wooden spoons and utensils that you could donate to us for our outdoor kitchen area we would be very grateful.



Activities

There is a section on the CBeebies website which has information and different clips on exploring winter.



www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/winter

Andy's Wild Adventure has some great episodes about Arctic animals such as the Polar Bear and The Arctic Fox.



These can be found and watched on BBC

Children have loved our new reading areas in the classrooms.

There are lots of books in there the children like to share, along with storytelling resources such as puppets and teddies.

Thank you for your support with continuing to share books at home with the children.

