

Nursery Newsletter- Spring 1

Cold Country- Winter

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break, filled with joy and quality time with your loved ones. Welcome back to a new and exciting term! We are looking forward to diving into lots of fun and engaging learning experiences over the coming weeks.

This term, our theme will be **Winter**. The children will be exploring key facts about colder climates, winter animals, and different ways of life in cold environments. We will be encouraging curiosity and discussion as the children share their own experiences of winter and cold weather.

We can't wait to embark on this WINTER-full half term.

Don't forget to log into your child's tapestry journal to see what we have been learning!



This half term I will:

- Have a Leeds United Coach teach me Movement Play
- Understand how to be safe when crossing a road.
- Learn key facts about Winter.
- Share own experiences of experiences in cold weather
- Develop their curiosity about the wider world.
- Notice the difference between England and our cold country focus of Antarctica.
- Talk about Winter climate animals.
- Develop skills around counting, saying number names in order and recognising numerals.
- Begin to listen and engage in longer stories.
- Develop awareness of rhyme and rhythm during phonics.
- Learn about E Safety and how to keep ourselves safe online and offline.
- Explore Science- experiment with ice.
- To talk about the past and present.
- To talk about materials and be able to name common materials such as plastic, metal, wood and glass.
- Learn all about Children's Mental Health and how we support it.
- Enjoy eating pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day.

Supporting by:

- Encourage independence when getting dressed, including putting on their own shoes, socks and coat.
- Go on winter walks together and talk about how the season has changed.
- Help your child understand their feelings by talking about emotions and naming how they feel.
- Continue to read lots of stories together, discussing the author, title and characters.
- Talk about things your child enjoyed doing in the past or different experiences they have had.
- Encourage your child to use a knife safely when cutting their food.
- When making drinks, use language such as *full*, *half full* and *empty*.
- Do lots of counting when you are out and about, for example counting how many cars you can see.
- Most importantly, enjoy spending time together and have fun.

Key Information

Bookbags are to be returned to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ready for a new library book to be sent home at the end of the day. Outdoor Learning will be Monday or Friday- please bring appropriate clothing.