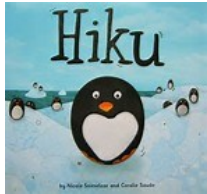


Understanding of the World

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 our classroom, and using musical instruments to compose music to make us think about cold and frost.



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

Thank you Miss Brown

Winter Wonderland



Reception

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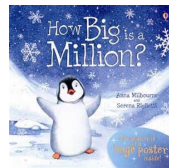


Welcome to All Saints Reception Class. Our topic this half term will be "Woodland Animals and Seasons".

It has been so lovely to see how fascinated the children are with this topic already - they have really enjoyed using our explorer base camp! Many aspects of this topic 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.

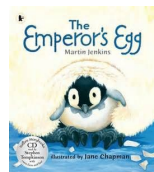


Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue using the All Saint's Learning Powers: Reflective Rita, Resourceful Robbie, Relationship Rory and Resilient Roxy. The children will have a chance to earn special certificates when they have demonstrated a particular learning power in action.

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 will begin to put into practice our cursive script. 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!

In addition to our reading scheme books for you to share at home we have begun weekly Guided Reading sessions to develop our decoding and comprehension skills. Every child will be heard at least once a week in school but regular short sessions with you at home will help the children become more fluent and confident.

Numeracy

We will be extending our mathematical knowledge by looking at numbers up to 20 and identifying numbers that are more and less than a given number. We will be combining groups to make a new total and finding ways to record our workings out. Using our topic, we will be comparing sizes, length, capacity and weight. We will also introduce 3D shape vocabulary.

