

### EYFS Topic – Polar Adventures!

This half-term we will be focusing on Polar Adventures. Our first story focus is Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers where we will get a visit from the Little Penguin. We will find out all about the Arctic regions and learn out about freezing. Over this topic, we will be reading, Mama do you love me?, P is for Passport and The Journey, as well as non-fiction books about polar animals and world atlases.



### Personal, social and emotional development.

The children will be learning about British values and focusing on mutual respect. We will continue to take part in circle time activities and explore our feelings and the feelings of others. Children will practice their speaking and listening skills and become more confident in speaking to a group. The children will learn to work together to achieve a shared goal. We will consider how we are all special and are good at different things.



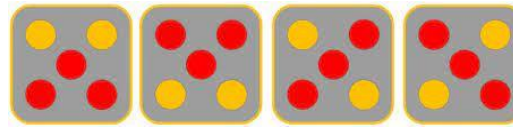
### Physical development.

The children will be using the outdoor environment in all weathers. We will use our gross motor skills peddling bikes, throwing and catching a ball, aiming at a target, negotiating obstacle courses and building dens. The children will learn to play new team games outdoors and will be encouraged to use equipment safely. They will develop their fine motor skills by using scissors, tweezers and paint brushes. Emphasis will be on holding a pencil correctly and improving letter formation. In our Physical Education sessions, we will also be doing gymnastics.

### Mathematics

Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

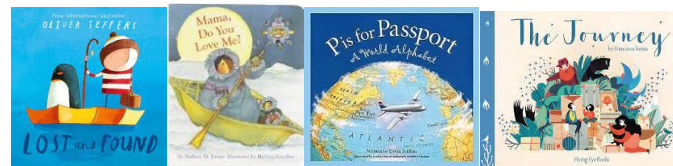
Composition – In class we call this ‘ways to make’. Children think of ways to make an amount. It is the step before more formal addition. For example, 5 can be made of 1 and 4, 3 and 2 etc.



Subitising; Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count.

### English

We will be learning new phase 3 letter sounds in phonics each day. We will also focus on reading and writing words and sentences. We are beginning to use capital letters and a full stop. The children will learn and think of new ‘wow’ words linked to the topic of winter and cold places. We will be sharing books together and remembering a sequence of events. The children will also be taking part in role-play activities including becoming a character from a story.



### Expressive arts and design

The children will explore the best materials to make a boat, construct igloos and join materials together using the correct equipment. We will mix colours and use a variety of techniques to create an effect, such as colour washing and collage. We will make penguins out of play dough and clay. We will look at and recreate art working in the style of the artist Kandinski. In music the children will and perform nursery rhymes. They will listen to and talk about different styles of music. They will learn about rhythm and pulse.



### Understanding the world

We will learn about the season of winter including the effects and type of clothes we need to wear. We will investigate snow and ice by finding out what happens if it gets warmer. The children will also find out information on the internet and in books about animals from the North and South Pole and we will find places on the globe.

