



# Winter, Snow and Ice

Week starting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024

Take a look at some of the exciting things we are going to be doing and learning!

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We are going to be learning about and expressing our feelings by playing games such as 'imagine if...' inviting the children to discuss with one another their own opinions and ideas, supporting them to listen to one another and understand one another's opinions.

We are going to work together to build igloos, ice castle, ramps for rolling snowballs, using large- and small-scale construction. We will listen to each other's ideas as well as drawing and writing plans together to support our play and construction.

## Communication and Language

We are going to build our vocabulary that reflects the breadth of our experiences, beginning to use more complex sentences to link our thoughts through expanding on what children say, repeating back what a child tells us and adding on a few more words.

We are going to develop our understanding of 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple questions. Looking at winter pictures, encouraging the children respond to and answer questions. We will develop our listening and attention skills through activities such as listening walks, encouraging the children to think about the sounds they can hear, where they are coming from, are they loud or quiet etc.

## Physical Development

We will be taking part in activities to develop the strength in our arms and hands to support mark making and early writing skills. For example, using ribbons for winter dancing and painting large snowman.

We will be practicing our self-help skills to dress ourselves, putting on and fastening out coats, hats, scarfs etc.

We are going to develop our balancing and coordination skills through playing games such as 'the frozen snowman', challenging the children to freeze in different positions, for example standing on one leg.

## Mathematics

We will be exploring size and size language by providing activities such as playdough to build snowmen, comparing sizes and using language such as big/bigger, small/smaller, tall/tallest, short/shortest.

We will develop our skills in counting and subsisting though games and activities with snowball, snowflake, ice cube etc.

We will explore and using mathematical names for 2D shapes to make different snowmen, igloos and ice statues.

## We shall also be.....

- Listening to and recalling familiar stories.
- Talking about why things happens and how things work
- Playing with a range of materials to learn cause and effect
- Show care and concern for living things and the environment
- Explore and create different textures.
- Leaning and singing new winter songs.

Remember to log on  
to Tapestry for all  
the other activities,  
learning and fun  
adventures!