Personal, Social and Emotion

In circle time we will be talking about our special places where we feel comfortable and happy. This week in show and tell we will be talking about other polar animals. During S&T the children will be encouraged to ask appropriate questions.

Communication and Language

This week we will be researching information about the rest of the inhabitants of the polar regions. The children will start the week by deciding what they want to learn and framing questions. We will be looking at the question mark and the question words where, when, why, who, what and how. We will be sharing information from a variety of sources and hopefully answering our own questions. We will be introducing a range of new vocabulary and names.

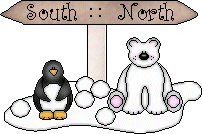
Physical Development

The children will be continuing to work on their dance skills with Mrs Smith on a Wednesday morning and Gymnastics on a Thursday afternoon with me. We will be working on developing our scissor skills. The children will be working on correctly forming the letter and capital letters H, I, J, K and L.

Understanding of the World

We will be looking closely at the changes in the season and how that affects us. The children will take part in a simple experiment to see how polar animals insulate themselves. They will also be looking at what water proof material is and how we can recognise it.

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Literacy

They will be working on recognising the initial sounds and building simple CVC words. We will be introducing the sounds ay, ee, igh, ow and oo. The children will be using this knowledge to build words and write out simple sentences. This week guided write will be writing simple descriptive sentences. We will be learning at the names of the letters and the formation of capital letters. All of the children are now working in Guided Reading groups and will be heard this week.

**Polar Regions**

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will listen to different winter music and songs. They will be working on creating a wintry picture and experimenting with mixing colours and combining different media. The children will be working with malleable material to make a polar animal.

Mathematics

The children will be looking at number recognition to twenty. They will be counting to twenty and back from twenty. They will be working on recognising the numerals that represent these numbers. The children will be looking at the season of the year, months of the year and days of the week. We will be looking at the sequence of the day and what happens at different times.

The children will be looking at subtracting a number from ten using props to help develop the concept. Some children confident with numbers beyond twenty and the concept of subtraction will try numbers to fifteen.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we be talking about the different types of materials and in particular waterproof material. If you can find some waterproof and absorbent material to compare, please send it into share.

If your child makes comments on any of the above topics, please write it down on a post-it or piece of paper and send it into school to share with us. We will add to their Learning Journey.