

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Explore skills of being a good Detective to find out identity of mystery visitor to FS?
- Explore being a reason detective to explain own ideas.
- Explore how to be a good friend to others.
- Explore new year resolutions and how we can be a better friend in 2025.
- Explore animals of the zodiac and discover year we were born in? What are your characteristics? Explore our uniqueness.
- We all know that we have rules at school that we must follow.
- We know who to talk to if we do not feel safe.
- We know right from wrong. We recognize that we are accountable for our actions.
- We must work together as a team and to get along with each other.

Jigsaw Topic: **Dreams and Goals**

- I understand that if I persevere, I can tackle challenges.
- I can tell you about a time I didn't give up until I achieved my goal.
- I can set a goal and work towards it.
- I can use kind words to encourage people.
- I understand the link between what I learn now and the job I might like to do when I'm older.
- I can say how I feel when I achieve a goal and know what it means to feel proud.

Winter Detectives!



Communication and Language

Emphasis of talk for this half term:

Tell me why!

- Explore being a detective and solving the mystery of who visited FS using clues and vocabulary
- Answer and ask how and why questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Discovering new interests for new year
- Explore describing words for winter things – winter word book.
- Explaining facts about penguins.
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs.

Focused Texts Linked to Bookmaking

What Can You See in Winter? Sian Smith

Catherine Barr- 10 Reasons to Love a Penguin

Jonty Gento – Julia Donaldson

Physical Development

P.E with CT Gymnastics: The focus of the learning is to introduce 'champion gymnastics' by exploring movements and shapes in different ways individually and with a partner.

Mr C Ball skills: The focus of learning is to explore different ways of using our feet to move with a ball including dribbling and kicking skills.

Gross Motor skills in Big Outside including travelling, balancing and cooperating with others

Learning to use a balance bike and the bike track.

Fine Motor Skills - Developing use of tripod grip and froggy fingers/improving fine motor control/letter formation, precision cutting out.

Literacy

Reading

- Start to blend CVC words confidently.
- Begin spotting and reading digraphs in words as well as double consonants
- Begin reading simple sentences and phrases independently.
- Learn Set 3 Star words (she, see, you, big, no, was, we, up, can)
- Using phonics knowledge and picture clues to read unfamiliar words.
- Reread a sentence for fluency.
- Start to understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction.
- Recall key facts from an information book.
- Begin to make inferences about a text - how a character is feeling
- Talk about unknown words and their definitions
- Start to give reasons for their answers.
- **VIPERS focus** : Vocabulary and Explain

Writing

- Write full name independently with accurate letter formation.
- Start to spell some star words accurately
- Practise segmenting CVC words using Fred Fingers – then CVCC and CCVC.
- Start to write phrases, captions and a simple sentence
- Understand that you need a finger space in between each word.
- Use a sound mat to write down unfamiliar words.
- Have own ideas for writing.
- Start to form letters showing correct ascenders and descenders

Bookmaking projects

- Winter Pattern book – I can see
- Non-fiction book on an animal – Penguins.

Religious Education

Our Christian Value for the Year is Friendship

Topic: What does it mean to belong?

- How do Christians welcome a baby into the world?
- How do Muslims welcome a baby into the world?
- How do Hindu brothers and sisters show their love for each other at Raksha Bandhan

Topic: Why is the word God so important to Christians?

- How do Christians show respect for God's name?
- Why is God a VIP to Christians?
- How do Christians show that God is important to them in a church service and in Prayer?

How is Chinese New Year celebrated and what is the Chinese zodiac sign for being born in 2026?

Expressive Arts and Design

- Exploring cold colours and shades of colour eg light blue, dark blue.
- Creating own winter weather picture using cold colours.
- Begin to explore looking closely at winter paintings to identify details.
- Explore creating a winter sky using cold colours and a collage of a bare tree/ Visiting our gallery of winter pictures.
- Create a group collage of ripped penguins and celebrate uniqueness of our art work.
- Designing and making snowmen and snowflakes using cutting skills.
- Finding ways of attaching materials without glue – making a dream catcher and sewing a heart
- Creating a moving stick dragon puppet for Chinese New Year.
- Creating a lantern and money wallet.
- Dragon Dancing to Chinese music and playing instruments loudly to chase away bad luck.
- Exploring rhythm in Music.

Understanding of the World

- Explore solving a mystery – looking for clues and being a detective – asking and answering questions. Finding out what being a detective means.
- Going on a Winter walk in the school grounds using our senses to explore our surroundings. Experience winter weather and changing seasons.
- Explore different weathers in the place I live and in cold places.
- Explore animals that live in cold places and how they can survive in this habitat.
- Love to Investigate – Where is coldest/warmest part of our classroom? using an ice cube
- Start to explore where we live in the world and where the Arctic and Antarctic are on a world map/globe.
- Begin to compare places and identify similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Talk about different occupations in society and how they use transport to help them in their jobs (link to Jigsaw- thinking about what job they would like to do when they are older) Knowing that the future is time to come.
- Knowing what is the difference between fact and fiction when exploring facts and stories about the weather, winter, Chinese New Year, cold places and animals that live in cold places.

Mathematics

Number

- Consistently count objects, claps and movements to 10.
- Count to 20 (knowing teen numbers)
- Match numeral and quantity within 10
- Subitize (say quickly) how many there are up to 5.
- Recall number bonds to 5 and begin to give linked subtraction facts
- Learn ten town characters: Seal Six, Sir Seven and Eric Eight.
- Explore number bonds of each number to 8
- Represent, order and explore numbers to 8.
- Say a number that is one more/one less (without resources)

Number patterns:

Shape 2D

- Describe hexagon, heptagon, octagon.

Patterns

- Spot mistakes in patterns

Philosophy 4 Children (P4C) Key Questions-

- Who was the mystery visitor to FS and how do you know?
- How can we all try to be a better friend in 2026?
- What is the most important thing about being a good friend including trusting each other?
- What does kindness and loyalty mean in a friendship?
- What does respect mean and how can we be respectful to others?
- How do we encourage our friends and what are our characteristics like?
- What does being a good friend mean and how can we help our friends to feel happy?