

## 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?