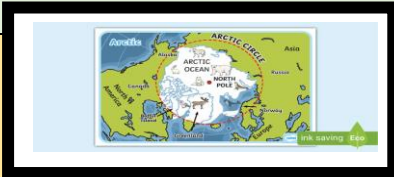


Numbers/ Shape & Space

- Opportunity to apply knowledge of numbers to 10
- Counting and Comparing
- Partitioning and Understanding Part-Whole
- Understanding Number bonds
- Mass/Weight and Capacity/Volume
- Distance (length, height, width) Opportunity to apply knowledge of numbers to 20

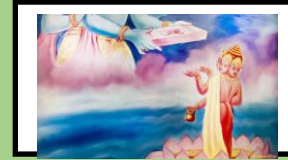
Physical development: PE will change to Friday afternoons, please can children come to school wearing their kits. West Lancashire sports will be running the PE for this term, when we have more details about this we will let you know what skills the children will be practising.



People & Communities: We will learn about what communities and people populate Arctic regions and learn about their customs and daily routines, we will make comparisons to where and how we live. We will talk about and compare buildings in warmer and colder regions and what people do to keep warm. We will do some simple experiments where we huddle like penguins to see how we can create heat on a cold day.

Expressive art/design:

Linking to our topic the children will be exploring collage and painting and will create some arctic animals including penguins and polar bears, we will use different tools to make marks and to create our artwork. As the term goes on will be looking at some 'heart art' linked to valentines' day and modern artist James Calderwood.



Religious Education:

In RE we will be looking more closely at bible stories including **Stories Jesus heard & Stories that Jesus told**. We will also be referring to our yearly other religion which is **Hinduism** this year, we will look at sacred stories that are important to Hindus and their sacred books '**The Vedas**'. Class L Christian Value: Our class Christian value to **Friendship** - we will be looking at this intermittently and closely throughout the year and talking about what makes a good friend.

Literacy

Phonics: The children are working well through our Twinkl phonics scheme and will continue to learn Level 3 sounds plus daily revision of level 2 sounds also. We will be focusing on tricky words too remember to check out all links on our class phonics page [here](#) .

Reading Books: The children will start to receive 2 reading books as they are now more familiar with the phonics programme and chopping and blending techniques. **Vocabulary:** We will explore words and vocabulary to describe winter weather and arctic conditions, we will learn new words based around Arctic animals and new vocabulary as we look at maps and extend our geography skills. **Storytime:** We will be sharing an array on icy texts during class Storytime including... if I had a Polar Bear, Snow penguin, The Fairy penguin and many more. If you have any books linking to our topic don't forget to share and send them into class we love Storytime.

Spring 1 2024 Topic Work

Awesome Arctic!

8th January- 9th February 2024

Here is a snippet of some of the things we will be getting up to over the next few weeks.

Plea: We need some construction kits and also barbie dolls/ small people figures. If you have any donations we could use in our indoor and outdoor area these would be warmly welcomed. Many thanks.

Science/ Understanding the World: We will continue to build on our learning about seasonal change through observing the weather daily and talking about the temperature outside. We will carry out some icy experiments in our tuff tray and talk about what is happening, the children will make simple predications and observations. During our experiment time the children will consider the following Big Question

'How do arctic animals stay warm in icy water?'

We will locate arctic regions on maps and talk about what animals are found there. We will talk about climate change in a simple way and talk about how we can care for our planet. The children will talk about simple animals' facts and we will write these down.

Writing Opportunities: We will be spending lots of time looking at letter formation this half term and learning simple rhymes to help with formation, we will be practising skills with pencils, pens, crayons and other sensory materials such as glitter, shaving foam, natural materials etc. We will be writing arctic animal fact files and labels for arctic animal habitats.

Children's interests: The children really enjoy the outdoor kitchen - we will incorporate our icy topic and open a 'Snow café' where they can make pretend drinks and desserts.

Health & self-care: Please keep practising zipping coats and independently putting on shoes. It will no doubt be cold outside so please practise putting gloves on independently along with hats and scarfs and any other winter accessories.

Technology: We will be using talking tins to record sounds in phonics and play them back to one another.

