

# Caterpillar Class - Spring 1

This half term we will be learning all about Winter, we will exploring ice and melting as well as thinking of ways to keep warm! We will also learn about animals, describing them and thinking about the way them move and the noises they make.

Animals		Winter	
Dear Zoo  Rod Campbell  OA Busy Day for Birds  Lucy Gousins		Pip and Posy The Snowy Day  Axel Scheffler	
Key Words			
Zoo	What animals can we see at the zoo?	Winter	What is the weather like in Winter?
Pets	What animals will we keep as pets?	lce	What does the ice feel like?

# **Key Experiences**

- Animal costume day
- Sharing pictures of pets

- Exploring ice and nature outside
- Making hot chocolate

# Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be making new friends and practising our turn taking and sharing skills.

Talk to your child about kindness and what makes a good friend. Play any turn taking games at home.

## **Literacy - Mark Making**

We will be exploring a range of mark marking resources and techniques.

Fine motor activities at home to support your child's finger strength by playing with lego or playdough.

#### **Maths**

We will be learning different number songs and rhymes. We will be exploring numbers and counting objects in the environment. We will be exploring size and measure during snack times.

Encourage your child to touch each object as they count to 5.

# **Physical Development**

We will be learning how to wash our hands and feed ourselves during snack time independently. We will also be exploring lots of different physical activities and movements, Please encourage independence skills at home. Encourage them to dress and feed themselves.

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# **Understanding the World**

We will be focusing on gaining a better understanding of our animals, thinking about how they move and the noises they make.

Encourage your child to talk about what they can see when out and about.

### **Communication & Language**

We will be learning how to listen and pay attention during carpet and story times. We will be learning to follow simple instructions in class. We will also be singing a range of nursery rhymes!

Sing a range of nursery rhymes with your child at home.

### **Literacy - Reading**

We will be reading a range of different stories during story time and encouraging a love of reading.

Read regularly with your child at home and encourage your child to talk about the story.

### **Expressive Art & Design**

We will be investigating different sounds and musical instruments. We will be exploring a range of craft media such as playdough, painting, collaging, cutting, gluing and sticking!

Sing, dance and draw with me at home.