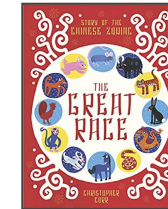
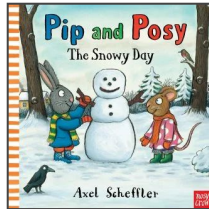


This half term we are learning about changes in nature in winter and about Chinese New Year to develop our understanding of how other cultures and communities celebrate important events.

Winter

Animals: Chinese New Year



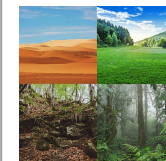
Key Words

hibernate



Why do some animals hibernate?

habitat



Can you name some different animal habitats?

shiver

What makes you shiver?



race



Why did the animals race?

Key Experiences

We will experiment with freezing and melting to understand the changes in nature in winter. We will also look for signs of life in the garden in the cold.

We will celebrate Chinese New Year together with a great colourful party!

Communication & Language

We will listen to longer stories and try to remember what happens in greater details, using past and future tenses when retelling them.

Share a book with your child every day and encourage them to talk about the pictures and the story.

Maths

We will consolidate our number skills to 5 and explore more complex 2D shapes, learning to speak like a mathematician.

Use real life opportunities such as setting the dinner table or having a dolls' tea party to point out quantities and explore numbers.

Communication & Language

We will continue to develop our speaking skills when discussing ideas on the carpet and answering questions about our learning.

Check our Newsletter/website for the new words each week to reinforce.

Physical Development

We will play ball games and practise skills such as cutting with scissors and modelling to strengthen the muscles in our hands.

Make playdough together at home regularly, it's great fun and good exercise for tiny hands.



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Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will learn to negotiate conflicts and talk about what it means to be a good friend.

Talk to your child about your own friends and what you do if you have a disagreement.

Understanding the World

We will observe nature in winter and describe the changes. We will continue to celebrate various festivals to help our understanding of different cultures.

Take a nature walk and talk about what you can see, feel and hear in winter.

Literacy

We will use simple shapes, such as circles, ovals and triangles to develop our mark making and drawing skills further using step by step instructions.

Draw alongside your child when they are mark-making to build their confidence with drawing.

Expressive Art & Design

We will explore traditional Dragon dances and act out real-life situations in our role play area.

Re-use recycled materials to encourage your child to be creative and make their own toys, such as cars and robots.