

## Our Topic

Our topic this term is Winter Wonderland. We will be starting this from 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The children will look at seasonal changes, and use their maths skills to record the weather. They will develop their addition and subtraction skills and learn about shapes.

The children will learn about how different toys move, plan their creations and then create their own new toys.

They will learn about the nativity story and practise songs and dances for our nativity play, which they will perform to you at the end of term (details to follow).

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## Contacting Us

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We will always do our best to respond to emails but if you have something urgent to discuss then it is best to ring the school office to arrange a meeting or phone call.

We apologise for the delay in setting up Google Classroom. Your child's username and password will be sent home in their book bag next week.

## Reading

We will continue to have the children read to an adult at least once each week. This will either be individually or in a small group. We will record this in their reading records and will then send the book home for them to share with you. Please use their reading record to comment on how they get on.

The children will be encouraged to choose a book from our book corner (which may well be above their reading level) for you to read to them. We will also read to the children at least once a day. During this time we will be learning about different reading strategies and answering comprehension questions.

## Donations

We would really appreciate any toys (not soft) that are "winter" animals. If you have anything else that you think would be suitable for this topic any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you!

Below are some ideas for activities your child could complete at home. If your child does any of the activities or any other work or activity linked to our topic please share it with us.

<p><b><u>Write an acrostic poem about winter.</u></b> <i>Choose a word such as WINTER, SNOW, ICE, COLD, PENGUIN, ANTARCTIC or any other “wintry” words and create a poem.</i></p> <p>S N O W</p>	<p><b><u>Go for a Winter Walk.</u></b> <i>Wrap up warm and go for a winters walk. What signs of winter can you spot? You could take photos of your walk, draw a map of your journey or write a list of all the signs of Winter you spotted.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Create a Winter Scene.</u></b> <i>You can do this however you choose, painting drawing, sculpture, a scene in a shoe box. Be as creative as you can!</i></p>
<p><b><u>Write a Letter to Father Christmas</u></b> <i>Write to Father Christmas. You could write asking for what you would like to receive for Christmas or maybe you have some questions you would like to ask him.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Help to Wrap Presents.</u></b> <i>Be a helpful elf for your family and see if you can wrap presents. How quick are you? How neat are you?</i></p>	<p><b><u>Animal Fact file</u></b> <i>Choose an animal that lives in snowy areas. Find out as many facts as you can and create a fact file to show the class.</i></p>