



Developing Children's Vocabulary

Our first topic this term is winter. We will be exploring winter and thinking about what makes winter different to the other seasons. The children will talk about the activities that we do in winter and the importance of staying warm by wearing the right clothes. We will be thinking about why some animals sleep through the winter and identifying animals that live in colder climates all year round.

During craft and creative activities, we will explore how different materials and colours can make us think about winter. The children will be making snowman and penguin pictures, bird feeders and investigating ice and ice painting.

There will also be opportunities to hear stories, learn rhymes and songs, explore mark making and think about number and shape with a wintery theme.

Key vocabulary:

Winter

Seasons

Words relating to temperature – cold, frosty, chilly, icy, crisp, freezing

Words relating to clothing – hat, scarf, gloves, mittens, boots, thick coat

Words relating to wildlife – birds, hedgehogs, squirrels, bears, penguins, polar bears

Ice, snow, snowflakes, snowman, snowballs

Stories to share:

Henry's Holiday by Gillian Shields

Penguin by Polly Dunbar

Little Fern's First Winter by Jane Simmons

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Red Sledge by Lita Judge