



Peacock Planning  
letter  
Spring term  
2020



Our topic this term is called '**Let it snow, let it grow**'. For the first half of the term the children will be learning about the Polar Regions, Arctic animals and the lifestyle of an Inuit and will be able to take part in many ice experiments including melting and freezing. After half term we will then move onto looking at things that grow and new life as we enter into Spring and celebrate Easter.

**Literacy:**

The children will be exploring books with an ice or snow theme. We will be looking closely at 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be acting out these stories, writing character profiles and describing the settings. We will then be looking at non-fiction books related to these animals and comparing similarities and differences between them. Our writing focus for the children this term is to gain confidence using their phonics to write simple words and sentences independently.

**Reading:**

Your child should ideally be reading for a minimum of 10 minutes each evening. This includes reading a book independently, listening to you read a book or reading with / to you or another family member. Please remember that we aim to foster a love of reading and therefore it should be a fun and relaxing experience.

If anyone is available to help with reading on Thursdays please let us know.

**Numeracy:**

We will be building on our work from the Autumn term.

- Counting 0-20.
- Recognising 0-20 and beyond.
- Using numicon and other resources in counting
- One more one less
- Subtraction/addition
- Days of the week and months of the year.

- Length, height, weight and capacity.
- Recognising 2D and 3D shapes
- Number bonds to 10

**P.E. kits:** Our P.E. lessons are on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning with Wayne. Please make sure your child has their full P.E. kit and it is clearly named.

**R.E:** This term our big question is 'How can we help others when they need it?' and then after half term it will be 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?'

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World:** We will be looking at world maps, finding out where in the world we live and where the North and South pole is. We will also look at how climates are changing and what can be done about it.

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in class.

**Forest School:** Our sessions will continue on Thursday mornings so please send your child into school on this day in their forest school clothes with their school uniform in a named bag.

**Homework project:** As a valuable contribution to our topic I would like to ask you and your child to create a model **igloo** at home. Please work with your child and be as creative as you want with resources and ideas! If the igloo can be presented in a shoe box lid size container or tray that would be brilliant to help with displaying it. It can be made out of any resources you wish to use, examples: lego, junk, cake! Please bring to school on the morning of Tuesday **11th February**. I am very excited to see what you and your child can create.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Kent and Mrs Duncan