

January Newsletter 2010 Year 2.

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Dear Parents,

This is our curriculum content for the month of January.

Language and Literacy.

This month our Literacy content will focus on the topics of winter, Cold Places and Penguins. We will be writing stories, poems and lists about how Winter affects our lives and the lives of animals and plants. The children will be reading information books on these topics and finding out new facts from them. We will continue to work on blends, key words and word families. We ask you to continue to work at home with your child on these areas.

Mathematics and Numeracy.

Children will be revising their doubles to 6+6, and learning the second half of the doubles poem to 12+12. We ask you to continue reading this poem with your child at home.

Children will be working this month on number bonds for 6 and 7 and revising their number bonds from 2 to 5. We will be sending home a sheet to help you to work with your child in this area.

When your child is confident with doubles we will be introducing near doubles to them.

For example, $3+3=6$ so $3+2=5$ and $3+4=7$.

This month we will be introducing the topic of length measuring using non standard units i.e cubes, hands, pencils etc.

The World Around Us.

Our topics this month will be Winter, Cold Places and Penguins. We will be looking at how penguins live and survive using information books and educational DVDS. The children will be going on a Winter nature walk to observe changes that have taken place.

The Arts.

The children will be creating Winter scenes using pastels and paint during Activity Based Learning.

Our music this month will focus around the theme of Winter and Penguins. The children will be moving to penguin music and playing instruments to penguin songs.

In our drama we will be role playing the penguin theme and moving like penguins.

PDMU.

In circle time the children will be talking about their thoughts for the new year ahead.

They will be encouraged to care for the birds and the animals during the cold winter months.

We will be talking about the importance of keeping safe on the roads and pavements and caring for those who find winter difficult.

Physical Development and Movement.

This month our focus will be Gymnastics when the children will be encouraged to travel and balance on different body parts.

Religion.

This month's focus in Alive-0 is Winter and the beauty of the season. We will encourage the children again to look after older people in winter and the birds.

Important Dates

February 3rd/4th School photographer will visit the school for year groups 2 /3/4/5/6. Individual and family group photographs will be taken.

School will be closed Monday 15th to Friday 19th February inclusive.

Mrs Henry, Mrs Martin and Mrs Donnelly.