

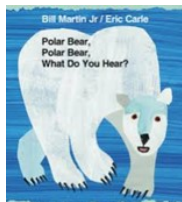
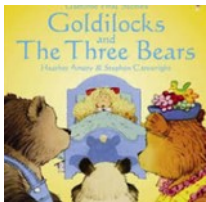
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We would like to thank you on behalf of all the staff who work in Nursery, for all the kind and thoughtful gifts that we received.

Routines: The news books that we use in class have been a great opportunity for your children to develop their speaking and listening skills and turn taking, they also promote writing and creativity. The children take great delight in sharing what they have done over the weekend with teachers and their peers. We thank you for your continued support and hard work with this, they look fabulous.

This half term our focus will be based around the question “**Do bears go on adventures?**”.

English - This half-term in English, we are learning about ‘**Bears**’ through our key texts.



The children will sequence the key events of our stories and practice retelling them. Our key focus will be identifying initial sounds and widening our vocabulary as well as comprehension skills. We will continue to work through phase 1 phonics daily.

Prime areas: This half term we will be encouraging the children to develop their role play by involving others in their play and building on each other's activities. We will continue to choose a star of the day to promote learning and help the children to welcome and value praise.

RE: In RE we will be exploring other faiths.

Maths - This half-term we will continue to reaffirm knowledge of a variety of number based rhymes and songs, encouraging the children to recite numbers in sequence. The focus this term is upon number recognition, and exploring representing number in different forms.

Understanding the world: We will use information found on the internet and information books to find out information about bears. We will learn about ice and how to melt it. We will look at a globe and explore where in the world bears live and learn about their habitats.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will enjoy a range of Winter art activities such as making snowflakes, making pictures using a range of materials such as chalk, glitter and ice paint We will also make polar bears using paper plates and cotton wool.



P.E- Gymnastics. In P.E we will learn to travel in different ways and learn basic gymnastics shapes.

Partnership with parents is a key aspect of our Early Years Curriculum, so members of the Nursery team will be by the classroom door each morning if you need to speak to us. We will also always be available to email through the Nursery email so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Patterson