



Nursery to Home

January/February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topic for learning is '**The Winter Garden**'. This book will act as a stimulus for learning experiences across the curriculum.

Through our planning processes and discussions with the children we will be learning about:

- Animals which live in polar regions
- Changes which occur in nature during winter months
- Constructing models and solving design problems
- Conducting science investigations eg what happens to water in very cold temperatures?
- Symmetry – describing and creating symmetrical images.

Literacy/Numeracy/HWB

We will also be focussing on the following stories, songs and rhymes:

- Threes Crows
- Ally Bally
- Little Jackie, Jack Frost
- 'Say Hello to the Snowy Animals' by Ian Whybrow and Ed Eaves
- 'The Little Polar Bear' by Hans de Beer
- Polar Regions (non-fiction)

We would appreciate your help with the following points:

- Talk to your child about the impact of winter on nature. Promote their natural curiosity and encourage them to ask questions about what they are hearing, seeing, feeling.



- Continue to read to your child daily and ask them questions about the story. Discuss favourite books and characters.
- Encourage your child to clap the syllables of their name and other common words.
- Continue to count with your child and draw attention to number, shape and symmetry in the world around them eg house numbers, road signs
- Please share any achievements your child has made so we can celebrate their success.
- The children will be exploring the school grounds as part of our Outdoor Learning experiences. Please ensure they have suitable clothing and footwear. Waterproofs will be provided.
- We have been consulting with the children on a new snack menu. Please ensure that snack payments are up to date to help us to provide a diverse and varied choice.

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Theme for Learning 8th Jan- 9th February 2018

"The Winter Garden"

Please take the time to complete this on behalf of _____
and return to nursery by 16th Feb. Thank you!

What did your child tell you they had learned about?

Making a bird feeder

Polar bear collage

Going for a winter walk

Ice/water temperature investigations



Making penguins

Model igloos

Which of the songs, stories and rhymes did your child enjoy?

Which learning experiences did your child enjoy?

Please let us know of anything you would like us to work on with your child.

Share with us any achievement(s) your child has made at home.