

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

During this term the children will be learning through these 7 areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication & Language
- Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Understanding the World
- Physical Development
- Expressive Arts and Design

You can help your child by:

- * Reading a variety of relevant books
- * Talking with your child about the topic
- * Singing songs
- * Counting
- * Visiting the local library, museum and aquarium
- * Reading for at least 10 minutes every day
- * Practising the sounds and words on the phonics cards
- * Encouraging your child to get dressed and undressed independently

The Snow Queen



Spring 1
EYFS

Background Information on Topic

This half term we will be reading the book 'The Snow Queen' and learning all about the seasons, the weather and the temperature. We will be completing lots of science experiments involving ice and water. The children will also be learning about animals that live in cold places. As this is such a magical story, we will be making up our own spells, creating potions and thinking about magic powers.

Launch Day

On Monday 7th January 2019 we will be launching our topic in a fun and exciting way.

Reception: The children **do not** need to dress up for launch day but we would like them to bring in a small plastic bottle ready to make magical potions (we will be dressing up later in the half term).

Nursery: Nursery's launch day will be on Monday 7th January. The children are invited to come in dressed as a snow King or Queen on this day.

Pantomime!

On Friday 25th January 2019 we have booked for a pantomime company to come to our school to perform 'The Snow Queen' for the Nursery and Reception children in the morning. Please remember, on this day, all nursery children are to attend the morning session only. On this day, the children are welcome to dress up as an ice queen or ice king. More information will be given out after the Christmas holidays.

PE (Reception only)

In our PE lessons this half term we will be focusing on dance and games. Our PE session is on Tuesday so please ensure children do not wear earrings on this day. Please continue to encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home. Children will need their indoor PE kit (black shorts and white t-shirt) but no outdoor PE kit yet.



Key Dates for Spring 1 Term

Thursday 3rd January—children return to school
Monday 7th January—Launch day
Thursday 10th January—Maths café (see news letter for more information)
Friday 25th January—'The Snow Queen' pantomime
Friday 15th February—Last day of term
Monday 25th February—INSET Day
Tuesday 26th February—Children return to school

Reading

Reception: We have been very proud of how well the children are doing with their reading in Reception. We would like to encourage you to keep reading with your child at home, everyday if possible, and remember to record when you have read in their reading record. We expect the children to say the sounds themselves and try to blend the sounds together to read the words. We will now be changing books and reading with the children on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please make sure the children have their reading records, books and phonics cards with them on these days.

