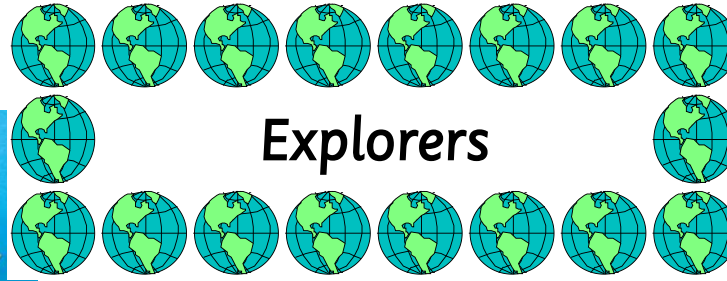


## Key Books



## Explorers

### Key Vocabulary

Weather	Celebration
Season	Festival
Winter	Belief
Ice	Tradition
Explore	Map
Liquid	Globe
Solid	Famous
Melt	Scientist
Freeze	Observe
Snowflake	
Experiment	
Arctic	
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### Explorers/Winter

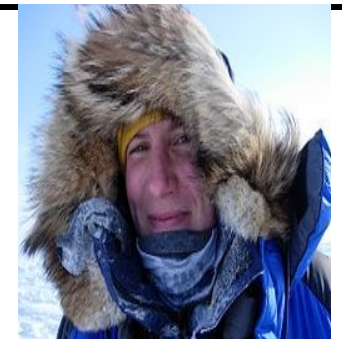
Over this next half term we will be leaning about winter and exploring some of the colder parts of our world. We will explore the outdoors and learn about the season of winter and how it is different to the other seasons. We will read stories about ice and create our own ice freezing experiments. As the weather gets colder we will also take part in the RSPB Bird Watch and learn how we can help animals survive in the cold. We will also use our imaginations to explore the polar regions and find out about the animals that live there.

## Special Events



### New Beginnings

As we return to school we will talk about our hopes for 2025 and discuss what a resolution is. Later in the term it is the start of the Chinese new Year, we will find out about it's origins and how it is celebrated.



### Significant People

Ernest Shackleton, Captain Scott, Felicity Aston

## Physical Development

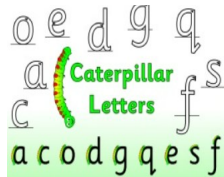
### Gross Motor skills

In PE we are focusing on gymnastics where we will learn to hold different shapes and how to jump. The children have daily access to the outdoors where we will continue to explore moving in different ways

### Fine Motor Skills

We are continuing to build our fine motor skills through pen Disco, Playdough disco and handwriting sessions. We are focusing on the anticlockwise direction.

We will use scissors to cut around shapes learning how to move the object as we cut.



Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count.

Our brains can only easily subitise numbers up to five – this is **perceptual subitising**. Anything above five is **conceptual subitising**.



Questions to ask at home: Can you see any number spot patterns? How can you use it to subitise and count the full amount?

## Mathematics

We will continue to deepen our understanding of the number system and how numbers are composed. The children will begin to recall the number bonds to 5 using the mental imagery they have built up of the patterns in numbers.

We will learn how to compare numbers using the language of more, less/fewer and how we can compare weight, height, length and capacity.

## Expressive Art and Design

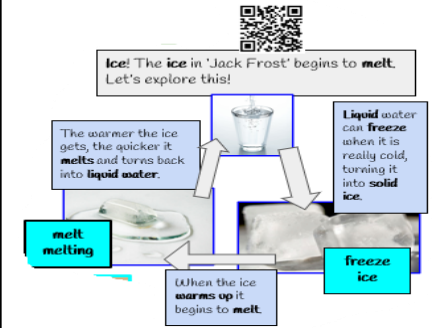
**Attaching/ modelling**— We will learn to join different materials using different joining techniques (PVA, Glue sticks, split pins, tape) to create new effects. We will make masks for Chinese new year and join materials together.

**Observation**— We will learn to look closely at the details and use our drawing techniques to add details to our pencil drawings. We will learn to join other materials such as collage to add texture to our pictures

**Music**—We will learn songs/ poems and add actions and instruments.

## Understanding the World

We will explore the seasons and through our learning in winter we will become scientist and learn about how water can form into ice and how this can be melted



We will then learn about the Icy regions of the world and the animals that live there. We will find out about the explorers that have travelled there and see our imagination to go on our own expedition.

## Phonics (Reading)

We continue to follow the Sounds Write phonics program. We will begin by recapping the Initial Code that we have previously learnt and reading words with 3 sounds CVC. We will then begin to read words with 4 sounds (CVCC and CCVC).

We will also begin to understand that two letters can make one sound (digraph) ff, ll, ss, zz.

### Digraph

Two letters that make one sound, Eg ll in pull

"Look at the letter, make the sounds and blend the sounds together"

VC words: at, it.  
CVC words: mom, dog, pin, sat.  
CVCC words: milk, hump, sand.

See the word, say the word! (sight words).

on top of the rock

Where do you put your finger when you read?

## Phonics (Writing)

We will use our phonics to continue writing words and the children will begin to compose whole sentences using the sounds they know.

We will do this by

1. Thinking of a sentence
2. Repeating and counting the words on our fingers
3. Say each word in turn, segmenting the sounds and repeating for each word.

Can you practice writing the letters of the alphabet using the handwriting formation sheets sent home?



<u>Stimulus</u>	<u>Possible Enhancements to Provision</u>	<u>Wider Curriculum Skill Based</u>	<u>Phonics</u>	<u>Maths</u>
Jack Frost	Add paint to ice lollies to explore Sorting clothes for winter Arctic explorer role play	Ice freezing experiment	Recap Unit 7	Subitising
Little Snowflake	Snowy potions (shaving foam) Building snowmen out of boxes	Snowflake-scissors skills	Recap 1-7	Ordering numbers 1-5
RSPB Bird Watch	Counting birds Bird puppets Facts about garden birds	Bird Feeders– toilet roll tube	Unit 8	Composition of 1-5
Lost And Found	Bee bot journey to the South pole. Puppets Making character masks Letter/postcard writing boats	Colour mixing—shades of cold	Unit 8	
Chinese New Year	Food tasting Chinese dragon dance Characters from the story for retelling	Animal masks– selected from the story.	Unit 9	Comparing number 1-5