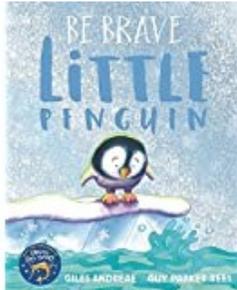
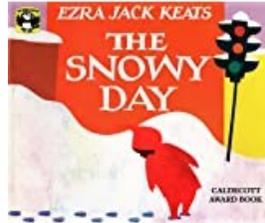
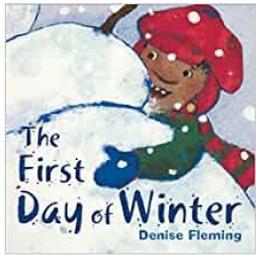


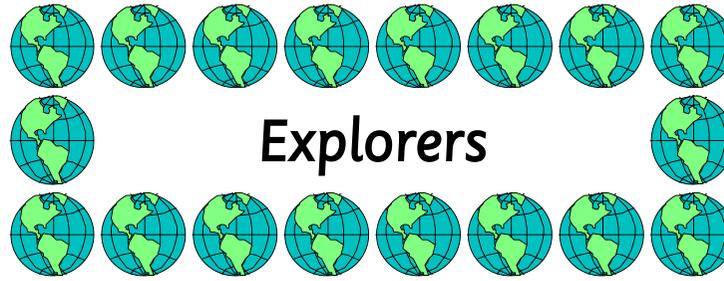
## Key Books



## Explorers/Winter

As the weather gets colder we will learn about the season of winter. The children will learn to dress for the cold weather and how to put on coats and fasten zips and buttons.

We will also explore the polar regions and find out about the animals that live there and their habitats.



## Explorers

### Key Vocabulary

Winter

Season

Cold

Freeze

Warm

Ice

Polar

Count

Watch

Care

Survive

Celebration

Different

Shape names - circle, square, oblong, triangle

## Special Events



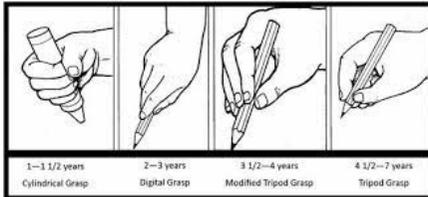
### Bird Watch and Chinese New Year

During this half term we will take part in the RSPB schools Bird watch. We will learn about our local birds and how we can care for them in the Winter. We will also explore Chinese new year and learn about how it is celebrated. The children will have the chance to take part in the traditions of the festival including dragon dances and tasting Chinese food.



## Physical development

**Fine Motor**– We will focus on developing the muscles in our hands through finger gym and dough disco activities. The Strength the children develop at this stage supports them with their pencil grip and depending on their stage of development we will be supporting the use of the tripod grip when mark making.



**Gross Motor Skills**– Even as the weather gets cold the children continue to have daily access to the outdoors. We are working on moving safely when balancing and jumping. We will also learn simple dances during Chinese New Year

## Expressive Art and Design

**Joining**– We will explore different joins using tape and glue to attach details to our pictures and models. We will start to understand which join is the best to use.

**Having our own ideas**– During adult led activities the children will start by exploring different images and examples they are then encouraged to develop their own pieces of art.

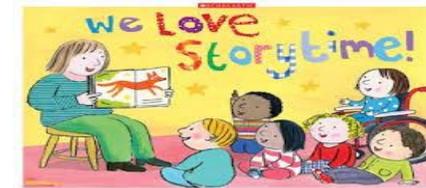


### **Music and Dance**

We will explore instruments and learn simple songs and rhymes adding music and movement.

## Communication and Language

Throughout our daily story and rhyme times the children will be learning to retell familiar stories and recall characters and events. Each week we will have a focus text that the children will learn to retell. Focus on a text enables the children to develop their vocabulary by using words learnt in stories and rhymes.



We will also begin to create our own stories through our story acting sessions. During these sessions children tell their own stories and act them out around the stage with their friends.

## Mathematics

**Number**– We will practice our accurate counting, making sure children are secure with the order of numbers and understand to count one item at a time. We will learn number rhymes to help practice the order of numbers with a focus on counting forwards with rhymes such as -12345 and One elephant went out to play.

**Shape**– The children will be learning their 2D shapes and using them to make pictures and models. The children learn their names and begin to talk about their properties (corners/sides)



## Knowledge of the World



Scan this code to find out more information about Chinese New Year.

We will learn about the festival of Chinese new year.

We will also be exploring the polar regions and finding out about different parts of the world. The children will explore the types of animals that live there and compare this to our winter weather.

