

### **Home Reader books**

Children have enjoyed taking a range of reading books home. Can you please ensure you read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers,

### **Phonics**

This term we will start to introduce digraphs into their phonics learning. This is where two letters make one sound. Please help your child to identify the digraphs in their reading books and use them to decode and segment new words. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's progress.

### **Topic**

Alongside the topic of 'Winter' we will also be looking at the topic 'The Arctic'. We will be looking at all the different aspects of the Arctic including where in the world it is, including food, clothes and animals that live there. We will hold a super learning day around 'The Arctic' at the end of term. More information is to follow.



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## EYFS Newsletter



## Winter Wonderland

## This half terms topic is 'Winter Wonderland'

The children will be learning about

- What changes the winter weather brings to the environment, such as snow, ice, frost and the effects this has on humans and animals.
- What changes we need to make to our lives in winter such as winter clothing, warm foods and how some animals hibernate.
- The children will also look at the concept of freezing and melting and explore where ice melts the fastest.
- In art, children will learn to mix paints to create a winter scene.
- We also intend to think about the homeless at winter time and look at ways we could help them. We intend to teach the children about giving to charity and therefore will be making a contribution to the Blackburn Food Bank this winter time.
- The children will also be learning about life in the Arctic. They will look at the animals and people who live there.

### **Literacy**

This half term in Literacy the children will be looking at non-fiction books about winter. They will learn lots of information about winter time, which will enable them to write facts on the season. We will also spend time looking at rhymes and poems about winter time, where children will investigate the use of rhyming words. Traditional tales will be read and will give the children a chance to innovate and make the stories their own.

### **Numeracy**

In numeracy we will continue to secure counting and number skills. This half term we will encourage children to practice counting, ordering and practising their number formation to 20. Children will be exploring numbers and working out ways we can add and subtract up to 20. This will be transferrable to money, shapes and measure.

What you can do to help your child.



Talk to and ask your child about their learning in school.  
Help your child with their weekly homework.  
Ask your child about the letter sound or digraph they have learnt that day.  
Help your child to learn to read and write the words in their reading rockets.  
Listen to your child read regularly.  
Read books to your child so that they can hear and interact with story language and characters.  
Ensure you work with your child on their literacy and maths targets.  
Use the Bug Club website frequently so that your child has access to a range of books.

**Thank you for your continued support!**