

## Curriculum News

## Red Class – Reception

### Topic: Penguin Small hot & cold and weather

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| Staff                                   | Mrs Dunn and Miss Cox   |
| Personal Social & Emotional Development | We will continue to support the children in their key person groups, circle times, visual timetables and by demonstrating positive behavioural expectations, following school rules & tidy up routines. We will be focusing on ourselves and our special qualities. We will also consider being a good friend and sharing friends.  |
| Problem Solving Reasoning & Number      | We will count, compare, recognise and order numbers beyond 20. In practical situations we will find more and less, and then solve and record simple addition and subtraction problems. This will include problems involving money. We will learn to order the seasons. We will use language to describe directions and position.  |
| Communication Language Literacy         | We will retell and act out the stories Penguin Small, Lost and Found and Too Much Talk in sequence. We will use books and internet to research and to write our own captions and labels about penguins and Spring. We will learn and extend Nursery rhymes about the weather. We will learn to recognise and read keywords. We will continue to plan and recall our learning activities. Every day we will develop phonic awareness by learning, writing and blending sounds and words in our phonics groups. |
| Knowledge & Understanding of the World  | We will learn about hot and cold, different types of weather and look for signs of Spring on a seasonal walk. We will investigate the changes that occur during heating and cooling in cooking. We will find out about different types of weather and climate. We will make improvements to our garden as part of Save Our Bees campaign. We will discuss what we like about our local area. We will be using the internet to research our topic. We are hoping to record ourselves presenting the weather!   |
| RE                                      | We will learn about Shrove Tuesday and why and how Easter is important to Christians. We will find out the importance of water in Christianity. We will learn the story of Noah's Ark and find out about baptism. We are hoping for Father David to tell us about baptism.  |
| Physical Development                    | Dance we will be based on the story of Penguin Small. We will be looking at different animal movements. This will help us to create a sequence of penguin journeys. We will learn to use small apparatus safely in gymnastics to travel in different directions on different levels. To develop fine motor skills we will use a variety of tools to cut, cook and make 3D models.   |
| Creative Development                    | We will be learning to develop our imaginations through role play by creating an igloo and iceberg for Penguin Small. We will create large scale displays with paint and natural materials. We will use clay and papier mache to create 3D sculptures. In Music we will make loud and quiet sounds as well as responding to The Four Seasons.   |
| Others, inc proposed class visits       | As well as looking for seasonal changes in our garden, the field and in the wild garden we will be going on a walk to the park to look for signs of Spring. We need your help. Please volunteer!!   |

**Homework:** We will provide a range of fun and practical activities each week. We look forward to you supporting your child with these weekly learning opportunities.

Useful Websites: [bbcschools.co.uk](http://bbcschools.co.uk)

[www.saveourbees](http://www.saveourbees)

[www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/)

Other: We still need help with gardening. We would welcome any information and photos of hot and cold places.