

Home learning opportunities

Autumn 2 - Reception

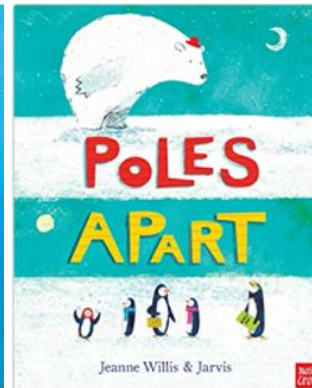
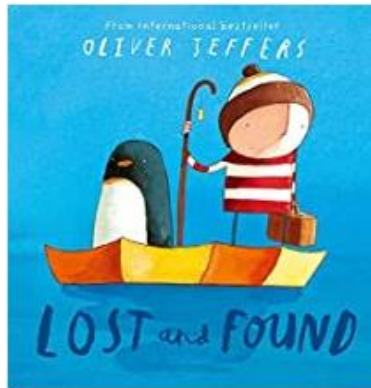
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ARCTIC ANIMALS

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CHRISTMAS

Key Texts

Lost and Found, Poles Apart, The Emperor's Egg and Stickman



	Activity
1	Make a model firework or rocket from junk materials at home. Take a photo of it and send it to your child's profile on Class Dojo.
2	Diwali is the Hindu festival of light celebrated by people all around the world. Discuss what is special to you and your family and why you celebrate it.
3	P is for penguin. What words can you think of that begin with p? If you are up for the challenge, try and write them.
4	Design and make your own arctic animal mask to bring into school and use in our role play area.
5	Egg competition- decorate an egg with a winter/ Christmas theme (prizes available).
6	Make a tree decoration for the classroom Christmas tree.
7	Winter hunt. Go exploring outside on a winter hunt. Write a list of the things that you see.

Key Skills – Mathematics

Children will ...

- Learn to use the language more and fewer
- Learn to consolidate numbers to 5.
- Explore the composition of 4 and 5.
- Investigate shapes including circles triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

Key Skills – Communication and Language

Children will ...

- Learn to listen in a range of situations.
- Learn to re-tell familiar stories and use a range of vocabulary.
- Answer questions about a story.
- Learn to follow simple instructions with a 2-part sequence.
- Learn to discuss and work as part of a group.

Key Skills – Understanding the world

Children will ...

- Learn about Bonfire night and how to stay safe.
- Learn about the Gunpowder plot.
- Explore the important changes in the world linked to seasons and changes in matter.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Map work for Antarctica / Arctic
- Learn about the weather conditions and the animals that live there.

Medium Term Planning – Reception- Autumn 2



Key Texts

The Emperors Egg, Lost and Found, Poles Apart
Stickman

Key Skills – PSED

Children will ...

- Learn how to show perseverance and resilience in the face of challenge.
- Be confidence to try new activities.
- Learn how to recognise their talents and why they are special. Identify and moderate their feelings socially and emotionally.

Key Skills – Expressive arts and design

Children will ...

- Learn about textures and materials for purpose.
- Learn about shapes and lines to use in painting.
- Use colour for purpose.
- Learn simple songs and dances.
- Take part in a whole class Nativity play.

Key Skills – Physical development

Children will ...

- Learn to travel with confidence, in a range of ways.
- Learn to negotiate space.
- Learn to form some recognisable letters.
- Learn to respond and move to music.

BIG QUESTIONS

Why is it so cold? What makes us poles apart?

Seasonal activities

Bonfire Night (5th Nov)
Winter and Christmas, Diwali (12th Nov)
Remembrance Sunday (12th Nov)

Key Skills – Literacy

Children will ...

- Learn to use vocabulary that they have gained from books in their play.
- Learn to hear, say and write initial sounds in words.
- Learn to write phase 2 words.
- Learn to hear and recognise rhyme.

British Values

Idea of class decisions introduced with votes take to make group decisions. For example – role play area theme, story selection, song selection, reward selection.

Building confidence and sense of self with roles in Christmas songs and performances. Responsibility to learn role and practice part.

Learning about the story of nativity and how communities join together to celebrate, respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Home learning opportunities

See attached sheet –

- Week 1 – Make a model firework / rocket from junk materials.
- Week 2 – Discussion about celebrations.
- Week 3 – Words beginning with P.
- Week 4 – Create an arctic animal mask.
- Week 5 – Egg Competition.
- Week 6 – Christmas Tree decoration.
- Week 7- Winter hunt list

Outside learning

When learning outside this half term the children will have the opportunity to use role-play linked to Igloo theme, small world play and arctic animals. They will continue to explore sound and movement using both instruments and listening for natural sounds. During this term the children will explore the changes in the weather.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – engagement

Finding out and exploring

Playing with what they know

Being willing to 'have a go'

Active learning – motivation

Being involved and concentrating

Keeping trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically – thinking

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing ways to do things