

Class	Spring 1
	Our Environment: Local and Global
In line with our prioritization of internationalism, we recognize that we belong to a local and global community of life-long learners.	
R	It's Freezing Here! <i>Our local environment</i>
Y1	Wonderful Weather <i>Is the weather the same all over the world?</i>
Y2	Chinese New Year <i>International comparisons</i>
Y3	Why is Cambridge Flat? <i>Physical geography comparisons</i>
Y4	Europe <i>How does life vary across our continent?</i>
Y5	Life on the Nile <i>Physical geography</i>
Y6	The Anglo Saxons – Where did the Anglo Saxons settle and how do we know? <i>Studying settlements made by the Saxons and Scots.</i>

Physical Development:
Music and Movement: Topical dances and themes – responding to music and paintings
Gymnastics: Jumping Jacks and Rock and Roll
Running and chasing games
Fine Motor Skills (craft activities linked to topic)

Communication and Language:
Understanding and responding to the main parts of a story – The Snowman / The Snowdog / Not Quite Narwhal & non-fiction texts about Antarctica and The Arctic / Polar Animals

Acting out stories (developing expressive vocabulary)

Using talk to clarify ideas e.g. when exploring the Arctic / Antarctica / planning and reviewing our activities

Show and tell – developing confidence talking to an audience

We will also be learning:

- **RE:** Understanding Christianity - Salvation Unit: How can we help others when they need it?
- **Forest School:** developing social, physical, intellectual, communication, emotional and spiritual skills and understanding when exploring the environment independently
- **Computing:** developing computational thinking and 'problem solving' skills / Exploring EYFS online activities
- **Picture News:** discussing weekly topical news

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:
Me and My World

- Identifying and describing ways of taking care of their school, their home, their garden or local neighbourhood.
- Identifying people who help keep them safe at school and at home
- Identifying people who work in the neighbourhood and how they help others in their job
- Understanding how to look after plants and animals in the natural environment
- Exploring what people use money for and how they spend it

It's Freezing!

Literacy:
Phonics – 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' - Introduction to Phase 3 GPCs – Blending and segmenting single syllable words including vowel digraphs and developing confidence using the 'chunking' method for longer 'multi-syllabic' words
Phase 2 and 3 tricky word focus
Handwriting

- Developing confidence forming pre-cursive letters in letter families

Writing captions / simple sentences / applying phonics knowledge to writing

Understanding the World:
Caring for our environment / exploring the weather outside and the polar regions.
Investigating materials and how they change when heated / cooled
Exploring spring traditions, festivals and celebrations in our families / around the world e.g. Chinese New Year

Expressive Arts and Design:
Drawing and painting 'icy scenes' / story maps and characters.
Looking at winter scenes by Gauguin and exploring pencil techniques
Exploring symmetry through printing
Creating textured collages; snowy scenes and arctic animals
Sculpting using clay and modelling using junk modelling and construction toys
Topic songs, rhymes, dance and role play / responding to 'The Snowman' music

Maths:
Alive in 5! / Growing 6,7,8
(Representing, comparing, creating and writing numbers / making pairs and combining 2 groups. Exploring number bonds to 10)
Consolidate rote and rational counting to 10 and beyond, ordering numbers and identifying missing numbers, solving simple equations / verbal word problems
Continue number rhymes & songs to 10
SSM: Comparing Mass and Capacity / measuring length and height / exploring time, 3D shapes and pattern

Neurons:

- Prior Learning – YN: Exploring my school and beyond
- Future Learning – Y1: Wonderful Weather – Exploring areas of the world which are similar / different

