

## PHONICS

This term children continue in their grouped phonics sessions every day. Children are learning how to read more sounds, including special friends (where two letters make one sound). They will write simple CVC words using their Fred Fingers. Children who are ready will also read and write longer words and captions. If you would like more information about your child's phonics group please speak to Miss Smith or Miss Ainsworth. Phonics Homework will be sent out weekly for children to complete with your support.

## LITERACY – Talk Through Stories

Our Talk Through Stories scheme extends and deepens vocabulary. We focus on a different book each week. Children are immersed in the structure of stories and the vocabulary included in them. They learn favourite phrases from the stories too.

## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be developing and nurturing the children's personal and social skills throughout every aspect of provision. We also have specific PSHE lessons. This term these will focus why we have rules, the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges, learn how to communicate effectively with others, practice 'grounding' coping strategies, and to learn new skills that will help them show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

## HANDWRITING

This term we will begin our daily handwriting sessions where we focus on correct letter formation, pencil grip and posture. It is important that children in reception learn how to form their letters correctly, at the correct starting points.

These are the books we will be reading as part of our Talk Through Stories scheme...



## Reception

**St. Matthew's**  
CofE Primary School



## Curriculum Overview Spring 1 – Frozen Planet



## MATHS

This term in maths we will be learning about the staircase pattern in number, the composition of 5, how we can recognise numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and continue our work on ordering number. We will also practise our number formation every Friday.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

In our 'Frozen Planet' theme we will be learning about Winter and the seasonal changes we can observe. We will explore winter clothing and its properties. We will find out about polar habitats and their differences with where we live, the animals that live in polar regions. We will also investigate what happens to ice when it melts.

## EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

This term children will have opportunities to explore their own interests in the creative area via free choice painting and junk modelling. They will also create winter clothing collages, watercolour paintings inspired by winter and we will paint different polar creatures, such as penguins and polar bears, developing our skills with paintbrushes.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Hedgehogs Class – Monday

Owls Class – Tuesday

PE kit – white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or leggings, and PE pumps. No earrings please. This term through our Key PE curriculum we will be developing our 'Sending and Receiving'. The children will have opportunities to improve their fine motor skills through continuous provision.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our first unit is 'Stories Jesus Heard'. In this unit we will hear lots of stories from the Bible that Jesus may have heard when he was a child. Our second unit is 'Stories Jesus Told', where we will hear stories like The Good Samaritan. Children will learn that Christians believe these stories were told by Jesus to teach about God's love.