



## Reception Spring Term 1 2017

It's been great to have the children back in after the Christmas holidays and hear all about the exciting things they got up to. We have got straight back into learning lots of new things and our new topic is Winter.

The children have loved observing the changing seasons and hopefully we will have some frosty days coming up! Please ensure your child has a hat, scarf and gloves clearly labeled with their name.

As part of our Winter topic we would like to create an igloo using milk cartons. Please send in any plastic milk cartons, 4 pint cartons would be ideal.

### Come and See

This term we will be covering the topics;  
Celebrating - learning about parish celebrations  
Gathering - learning about Mass.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development-

We will continue to follow our class rules and the school code of conduct. The children are becoming more adept at working with others and understanding the needs of others.

### Literacy-

We will be reading a range of 'winter' stories and also using non-fiction texts to learn about winter, polar regions and polar animals. In our writing we will describe the cold and the weather, and write about the animals and features of winter that we find out about.

### Mathematics-

We teach a love of maths through practical hands on experiences for the children. We will focus on securing our number knowledge within 20, recognising and ordering numbers and counting forwards and backwards. We will practically solve problems and develop different ways of adding and subtracting. We will build on our knowledge of

2D and 3D shapes, learning their names and describing their properties.

Letters and Sounds-

This term we are working within Phase 3:-

ch, sh, th, ng

ai, ee, igh, oa

oo, ar, or

ur, ow, oi,

ear, air, ure, er

We will be talking about words containing these sounds and blending sounds for reading. We will practise letter formation of each letter.

Tricky words: he, she, we, me, be, was, you  
they, all, are, my, her

Thank you for your continued support.  
Reception Staff