English

This half term we will be exploring two key texts; *Penguin* by Polly Dunbar and *One Snowy Night* by Nick Butterworth. We will also read *There's an elf in your book* by Tom Fletcher, who is one of our Magnificent 7 authors. The children will be learning how to describe the main story settings, events and principal characters in these stories and many more besides. The children will consolidate RWI set 1 sounds including single phonemes and consonant digraphs. They will learn to orally segment and blend in order to read words and they will bring home their first reading books! In writing, they will begin to use some letters in sequence to convey meaning including writing some CVC words with recognisable letters.

Maths

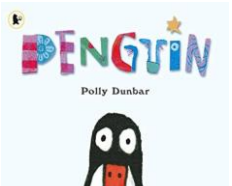
In maths the children will learn to automatically recall their number bonds to 5. They will also begin to explore and demonstrate an understanding of the composition of 6, 7 and 8. They will learn to sort by one criterion and to recognise the odd one out in a set. The children will count backwards within 10, understanding the number before (1 less than) and counting back from a given number. They will continue and create AB and ABC linear patterns and make 2D shapes out of other 2D shapes. Their sorting skills will continue to develop as they sort 2D shapes according to their properties. They will also find 2D shapes within 3D shapes. They will also learn and say the names of days of the week.

Communication and Language

The children will secure more complex rhymes and simple poems and will be able to recite some from memory. The children will learn to follow agreed rules for conversational turn taking in small and larger groups. They will develop their ability to give extended replies in response to 'tell me more' questions as well as formulating and responding to why and how questions. The children will be encouraged to share news or tell a joke with a familiar group. They will learn and practise how to process three step instructions and refine their use of known and new language.

Winter Wonderland!

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Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills by weaving, threading and tying. They will use squashing techniques including rolling pins to achieve desired effects. They will learn to use fine mark-making tools to create texture and pattern in clay and they will cut and turn along outlines. The children will learn to recognise body changes during exercise and will join in with simple dance moves. They will learn to express their emotions and stories through dance. They will begin to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines.

Understanding the World

The children will describe changes to trees, woodland plants and the beach environment as Autumn turns to Winter. The children will learn to name locality features on the route to given destinations. They will know and explain the functions of familiar buildings via role play and small world play. They will describe the changes of state with water and clay and will explore ice. They will describe their own family Christmas traditions and learn about some of the Christmas traditions and celebrations around the world and in different world faiths.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will know and be able to talk about what makes a good friend and will build strategies to make new friends. They will continue to build a vocabulary around feelings and will be able to talk about how they feel and who to share worries with. The children will get to know, and learn to follow, wider school regimes. They will know what they want to do in their play and how they want to go about it. They will take turns with support when working in a small group. The children will perform confidently to an audience of familiar adults and children.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will twist, wrap and weave with pressure and precision, narrating choices about colour and texture. They will draw single or a sequence of images from their imagination to illustrate a story. They will explore body percussion and imitate more complex rhythm patterns with tapping instruments. They will explore the sounds made by a range of percussion instruments and know their names. The children will perform a range of songs from memory with an awareness of others.

Enriching School Curriculum Odd socks day Monday 10th November (Antibullying week), Trip to the Rising Sun 5th December 2025. Christmas Performance 10th December 2025. Pantomime visit 15th December 2025.