



# Scheme of work

## Learning Journey

KG1 – Autumn Term 2- 2023

# Kindergarten 1 Autumn 2

## Winter Wonderland!



This half term Kindergarten 1 will be learning all about Winter and all the wonderful things it brings. We will be discussing the changes in the weather and what we might need to wear to keep warm. We will also be talking about all the animals who like to live in very cold places and how they make their homes.

This is also an exciting opportunity to do lots of investigations such as how ice melts, what materials keep us warm and how we can make snow.

We will be reading 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson and 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear' by Martin Waddell as well as many other winter themed stories.

This is a very exciting half term, and we can't wait to start.

### **Home Learning:**

In Kindergarten 1 we hope to promote and encourage a love of books and storytelling in order to develop many skills such as reading, listening, imagination, social skills and writing. Reading with your child on a daily basis is a fantastic way to encourage this.

Some activities to try when reading with your child:

- Look at the front cover and discuss the illustrations, guess what the story might be about.
- Read the story with your child, encourage your child to talk about what they can see and what they think might happen next.
- Allow your child to hold the book and turn the pages as you read.
- Talk about the characters, what do they look like, how do they feel, what are they doing etc.
- Look for things in your home or out and about that relate to your story.
- Do you have any books in your home or the library that are similar?
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words.
- Encourage your child to look at the book independently.

**Special Events- Dates to remember:**

**National Day Celebration:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

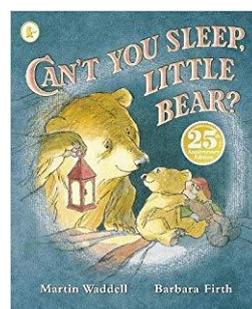
**National Day:** Saturday 18<sup>h</sup> November

**Winter Performance:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023- **Last day of term**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - **School Opens**

**Stories we are going to be learning about.**



**Welcome!**

Our Learning Journey topic for this half term is 'Winter Wonderland'.

For you to support your child's learning, here are some of the areas we will be covering during this half term:

**EYFS Learning Areas:**

**EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

Throughout this half term KG will be encouraged to select and use resources independently. They will be encouraged to talk confidently with adults as they are playing about their own wants and needs. Through independent play and adult led activities children will be supported to share, take turns and accept the needs of others.

As the children continue to make friendships they will start to play within a group and keep play going by responding to others.

We will be looking at animal homes to see if we can identify similarities and differences. We will also be talking about the change in temperature during winter and what we might need to wear.

### EYFS: Communication and Language, Literacy, Speaking.

As we focus on a range of winter stories this half term the children will begin to develop increasing attention and recall to stories. Being able to retell a story in their own words or remember familiar phrases. As they become more familiar with the classroom resources, they will gain an understanding of the use of object and should be able to follow and respond to simple instructions. The children will have plenty of opportunities to use talk in their pretend play.

We will be discussing the changes in the season throughout the topic and learning many new words such as: frost, ice, crisp, cold, chilly, eskimos, polar bears an igloo. As well as using language from 'Big Bad Mouse Hunt'- whiskers like wire and 'The Gruffalo's Child'.

### EYFS: Literacy, Reading and Writing

We will be focusing on 'The Gruffalo's Child'. Children will be encouraged to listen to stories 1:1 and in small groups. They will be encouraged to describe the main story setting, events as well as the principal characters. Through a variety of activities children will begin to be aware of the way stories are structured and begin to sequence the story. Children will continue to be encouraged to use different resources such as paints, crayons, pencils to make creative marks and give meanings to them. We will be looking at name writing and letter formation using pens, chalks, and snow paint.

The children will be encouraged to become sound detectives and hunt for squishy sounds.

### EYFS: Mathematics-Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure.

Daily Mathematics activities will support your child to begin to use some number names and number language independently. We will be counting snowballs, sequencing numbers, forming numbers in the snow foam, making pattern bobble hats, and looking at shapes when building a snowman.

Some children will also be beginning to represent numbers using their fingers and show curiosity about number by offering comments or asking questions.

In shape children will be encouraged to show an interest in shape by playing with shapes or deciding arrangements with objects. We will be talking about the shapes of everyday objects and looking at how we can make things such as a snowman using the correct shapes.

### EYFS: Expressive Arts and Design.

We will be using a variety of skills and crafts to create a wide range of art and design throughout this topic. Making sugar cube igloos, paper plate penguins, winter holiday bags, snow globes, eskimos, snowflakes, snow dough, marshmallow snowmen and polar bear hot chocolate and much more. The children will also be practising familiar songs and simple dance moves. The small world and role play areas will provide an exciting opportunity for the children to continue to develop their imagination and role play skills.

### EYFS: Understanding the World People & Community, The World Technology.

This is an exciting topic that encourages the children to explore a range of media and textures. We will be experimenting with freezing arctic animals and finding out how we can set them free, using hammers, digging, letting the ice melt and any ideas the children develop. We will also be exploring the wider world, looking at arctic animals and where they live, make their homes and how they survive. The children will be encouraged to comment and ask questions about the natural world. Linking to this we will also be discussing the changes in the weather and its effect on humans, looking at our clothes, food and how do we stay warm? We will make a warm coat for the Gruffalo testing materials to see which one will keep him the warmest.

### EYFS: Physical Development.

This half term KG will be focusing on developing our gross and fine motor skills. Using activities such as mark making in the snow, creating polar bears, and drawing snowflakes we will begin to use our gross motor movements to draw lines and circles. We will also be breaking ice, cutting using scissors and many activities to practise using one handed tool. We will be focusing on the understanding that tools need to be used safely.

We will also be exploring our senses in Gruffalo pie taste sessions. Moving in a range of ways using Sticky kids dances, practising our independence skills doing buttons, zips and laces when trying on winter clothes and dressing the dolls so they are ready for winter. KG will be going on a big bad mouse hunt from 'The Gruffalo's Child', we will be going under, over and through windstorm, snow and a log pile house.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards KG1 Team,

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