

Early Years Spring Term Newsletter Important Term Dates

15th - 19th February — Half Term Holiday 4th January and 1st April — Inset Days

Around the World

Welcome back to everyone in The Early Years, we hope you've had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year! Throughout the term we will be working hard to provide guidance and resources to support you in every way possible. Here is an overview of some of our topics that we will be covering over the Spring Term.

Reception

The United Kingdom: The children will discuss their favourite places in the community, draw information from simple maps, make UK landmarks using junk modelling materials, create Union Jack bunting, discuss and compare types of weather and explore the natural world.

Antarctica: The children will write Antarctic animal fact files, compare Antarctica to the UK, cut out shapes to make snowflakes, test the best ways to melt a block of ice and learn about and discuss global warming.

China: The children will learn about the Chinese New Year. They will colour mix, food taste, think of and discuss New Year resolutions and learn about different places of worship.

Nursery

Our World: United Kingdom - The children will explore the local area and, using technology, identify familiar places and logos. They will go on learning walks around their home to talk about what they can see and hear. The children will also build their homes out of blocks and act out their favourite woodland stories.

Cold Climates: Iceland and Antarctica - The children will explore stories about polar bears, complete Artic yoga, match Artic animals to numerals, label Artic animals and create collage pictures.

China: The children will create Chinese symbols, move like different Chinese animals, taste Chinese food, create handprint dragons and explore the Chinese New Year story.

Alongside this please log on to the following:

Rising Stars (Nursery and Reception) and complete the assigned reading book.

Ten Town (Terrific for Twos, Nursery and Reception) and watch the videos and complete the games for each character.

Maths with Parents (Reception) and complete the assigned activity.

Terrific for Twos

The United Kingdom: Children will look at different buildings, draw pictures of people who are special to us, build our own homes, using items from around the house, go on an animal hunt and make biscuits.

Antarctica: Children will collect leaves, twig and flowers to leave in water outside to see what happens in freezing temperatures. They will freeze toys in water and make an ice rink for them to play with. They will make sensory bottles and will try out different clothing to see which ones are best for keeping us warm.

Africa: Children will experiment with different ways of transporting water. They will look at safari animals and their habitats and will make a Kente cloth using different patterns.