

Learning in Nyong'o Class
Autumn 2020

Topic: Winter Wonderland

In Understanding the World we will be...

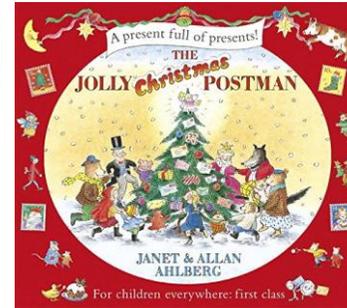
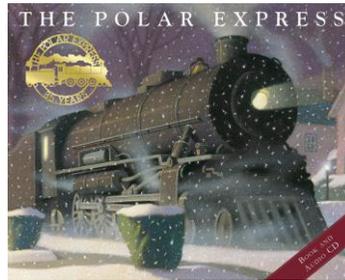
- recognising materials and describing their properties.
- learning that materials change when they are heated, cooled or mixed with others.
- finding out that the shape of materials can change.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be...

- learning how to accurately measure a piece of wood.
- learning how to carefully saw a piece of wood.
- exploring and learning how to join different materials together.
- Learning how to sew a running stitch.

In English we will be...

Learning to love these books this term:



Phonics and Spelling

We will be learning & revisiting phase 2 & some phase 3 sounds. We are also learning our first set of Tricky Words, which you should have received home on a sheet a couple of weeks ago. (Tricky Words Phase 2)

We will be developing our **reading & writing** skills by:

- hearing and saying the initial sound in words e.g. 'c' in 'cat'.
- beginning to read words.
- writing some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning. Some sounds are correct and in sequence e.g. cat.
- recognising and writing our own name and other things such as labels and captions.

In Maths we will be...

- counting different amounts of objects.
- learning to recognise the numbers to 10 and higher as able.
- looking at addition: Using quantities and objects, add two single-digit numbers.
- looking at subtraction: Using quantities and objects, subtract one single digit number from another.
- using mathematical names for different 2D and 3D shapes and begin to describe them.
- describing our relative position e.g. 'behind' or 'next to'.

Learning at home

Please could you aim to go over the phonics sounds with your child 3 times a week and begin to play the 'Roll & Read' games to help prepare your child for reading? When the children are ready and start to receive a reading book, books will be sent home on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please can you make sure book bags with reading books come in on these days so books can be changed and quarantined at school before being sent out with any other children?

Your child recently received the first list of tricky words to learn how to read and then spell. (Tricky Words Phase 2) Whilst we do not do any formal spelling tests in year R, it is a good idea to practice a few of these each week as it will really help them with their reading and writing.

We have also attached your 'Teach your monster to Read' login to this pack which is a great game for the iPad or computer that practices the year R phonics skills in a fun way.



As children of St Barnabas we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe and showing others how they can follow these too. We will also be learning about our values of Courage, Creativity and Compassion.

In R.E we will be discovering...

- Why Christians perform Nativity Plays at Christmas?
- What do Christians do at Church at Christmas?
- What special things do Christians do at Christmas to share God's love?

In P.E we will be learning...

Football skills! P.E will be taught on a Thursday morning this term. Please can you send your child to school in their winter P.E kit as we will be trying to do as much of this PE outside?



On Wild Wednesday we will be...

Learning about plants and animals that might share our school grounds, how to help look after them in winter, learning about evergreen materials and doing a Christmas trail! Please remember to bring in your wellies on Wednesday and also some warm and waterproof clothes as will be out whatever the weather!



We are so looking forward to this term and all the amazing things Reception will achieve this year! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know via Class Dojo. This is a very difficult and strange time for all of us and we feel privileged to be able to help your child to laugh, learn and grow!

Miss Curry, Mrs Dessi and the EYFS and KS1 team.

