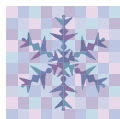


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Topic Winter Wonderland

We will begin the half term looking at Winter time. We will be making comparisons between Winter and other seasons throughout the year and recording what we should expect to see when we look outside. We will also look at cold countries from around the world using maps to locate where they are in comparison to the United Kingdom. We will investigate what happens to ice in the classroom and make careful observations. Here are some video clips you could watch with your child to help them gain a deeper understanding of how the climate can change.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z8c4jxs/resources/1>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwkqmp3/resources/1>

Topic Who lives in a house like this?

We will be looking at houses from the past and observing how they change in different periods. We will be looking closely at the local environment, exploring and answering questions about animals and their habitats, making comparisons between animal habitats from different environments. We will also investigate artist Paul Klee and his painting 'Castle and the Sun' and the children will be exploring colour and shape before creating their own picture based on his work, Some facts about Paul Klee can be found at:

www.cusd80.com/cms/lib6/AZ01001175/Centricity/Domain/5123/Klee%20-%20Dec.Jan.pdf



Numeracy

Arithmetic

We will be counting, reading and writing with one and two digit numbers.

We will be practically adding and subtracting objects, writing maths stories and recording on number lines.

We will become confident at finding one more/one less than any 2 digit number,

Measure

We will be comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving length and height.

Geometry

We will continue to look at properties of 3D shapes by sorting and grouping these.



Literacy

We will be continuing with our Read, Write Inc groups every morning, where we will continue to learn new phonics and will read and write with these.

It is so important that the children are regularly reading at home. This helps them progress through the reading system and become confident and fluent readers. Please ensure reading records are signed to allow children to change their books regularly.

Through our topic work we will be doing descriptive writing about Winter time. We will use non-fiction texts to research animals from cold countries. We will be doing descriptive writing in both this half term's topics, encouraging children to self-check their work and encourage them to make their sentences more interesting.



PE and Swimming

This half-term we will be doing gymnastics. We will be making and performing sequences showing movements and balances.

Children should have a full P.E kit in school at all times, including footwear for outside.

Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

Homework

We'll continue to set homework on Fridays to be returned to school on the following Wednesday. Please try to read with your child as often as possible at home as this makes a huge difference to their progress.

Let's try and get some trophies on the Athletics scoreboard too!