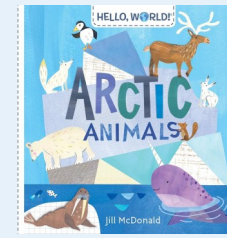


# We are learning...

Reception – Spring 1 – 2026

## Frozen World

# Our texts



**Important dates, visits and visitors:**

Inset Day – 16th January – School shut

**Literacy:** During our literacy sessions this half term we are going to be focusing on what we can see, looking deeper at the illustrations to see what they can tell us about the story. We will be using books and rhymes to develop our ability to retell familiar stories in provision. Children will be given a number of opportunities to record their learning in drawing club, phonics and literacy. As our phonics teaching continues children will be grouped into their ability and given reading books to match the sounds they are able to remember and read sessions.

**Maths:** This half term we are going to be focusing on the ability to subitise (see the number with our eyes). Children will have a range of opportunities to practise this skill for numbers up to 8.

We will also start to look at different mass and capacity, measuring lengths and heights.

**Understanding the World:** As the seasons continue to change we will be taking the opportunity to observe and notice the changes we see around us and discuss the seasonal changes. Such as 'the weather is colder'. We are going to be looking at different countries around the world to notice the similarities and differences between the world around us and a contrasting place. We will use photographs, non-fiction texts and maps to look at different places and explore how things are different.

### How can I support my child?

Your child will bring home a reading book. Please read with your child at home and talk about the book together. Reading books need to be brought into school everyday as we do aim to read with every child throughout the week. Reading books are changed on Fridays.

PE Days are Tuesday and Wednesday

**Expressive Art & Design:** In music we are going to be continuing to find the pulse, copy and clap rhythm of parts of songs. Create a pattern to go with a song using one note.

We are going to be making 3D sculptures this half term for our Art learning. We will focus on our fine motor skills to use different techniques to create 3D sculptures using junk modelling, clay and salt dough.

In continuous provision children will continue to have access to the creative areas to build and create their own ideas and models.

**Communication & Language:** This half term we will be developing the vocabulary children use, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. We will be focusing on being able to recall story refrains and short nursery rhymes. We will be focusing on turn taking games encouraging children to have conversations with each other. Children will also be given chance to share ideas and thoughts with adults and peers in small groups through our circle times and story time books.

**Personal, Social & Emotional:** during this half term children will understand why we have rules, the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges, learn how to communicate effectively with others, practice 'grounding' coping strategies, and to learn new skills that will help them show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

We will continue to develop our ability to understand our own emotions and other people's feelings offering empathy and comfort to our friends.

**Physical:** In PE this half term we are going to be focusing on our throwing and catching skills, developing our hand-eye coordination whilst revisiting skills taught prior.

For our fine motor skills development this half term we are going to be focusing on the skill of cutting using scissors to cut different shapes and different materials.