

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through circle and small group work we will look at our own values and the values of others. We will also be looking at our own needs and views and the needs and views of others. We will continue to encourage the children to become independent especially in their learning.

### Creative Development

This term we will be looking at and investigating sounds through different instruments including body sounds. We will be investigating, repeating and creating sound patterns. The children will be matching movement to music. We will continue to build on the skills we have learnt during the Autumn terms.



### Physical Development

We will now be taking part in PE lessons where we will concentrate on the basic gross motor skills, including ball skills, climbing and balancing using both small and large equipment. The children will also be matching movement to music in a variety of ways including Write Dance.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will continue with Jolly phonics, repeating all the sounds learnt so far with the inclusion of the letter names and capital letters. We will also continue with reading simple words using sound buttons and encouraging the children to use the sounds in their writing. We will continue to work on name writing using the correct letter formation through different media such as chalk, in sand and paint and through write dance. We will also be listening for rhyming words and alliteration.

We will encourage the children's communication skills through shared reading, circle time and role-play.

The children will bring continue to bring reading books home to share with you the skills they have learnt. They will continue to enhance their skills in school.

Welcome to the second Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter. We hope to keep you all informed of what we are learning throughout the year.

This term our topics are 'Winter' and 'Nursery Rhymes'.

We teach to **The Early Learning Goals** throughout the year.



### Knowledge and Understanding of the World.

Through Big and Small group times we will be investigating 'Winter', including the signs of winter and winter clothing. We will look at exploring by asking questions and investigating similarities and differences, likes and dislikes of objects.



### Mathematical Development

These terms we will be carrying on with number recognition, ordering, simple addition and subtraction including using the appropriate vocabulary.

We will be looking at time through the days of the week including sequencing of events.

### RE

We will continue to look at different cultures and the beliefs of different faiths. The children will also look at Christian celebrations and beliefs through bible stories.

### ICT

The children have developed confidently with the computers in the classroom and have started to use the Computer Suite. This will continue with the introduction of a number of different programs to enhance many of the other areas of the curriculum.

They will continue to use the Listening Centre and computers in the classroom, independently making their own choices about what they work with.

The children will also use remote control devices and programmable toys .

The Foundation Stage Team would like to say thank you to all the help you have given to your children to help them settle into school, not any easy time for both child and parent. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact us either through the yellow contact book or, if urgent at the end of the day.

Mrs Gibson, Mrs Ratcliff, Miss Lee Mrs Hadfield,  
Mrs Farrant, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Spicer and Mrs Chester

Dear parents / carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break.

As the weather gets colder more children will be coming to school wrapped up for the weather. Unfortunately that lovely scarf, hat and glove set you have bought may not be unique and unless named we cannot guarantee that your child will return with the same set!

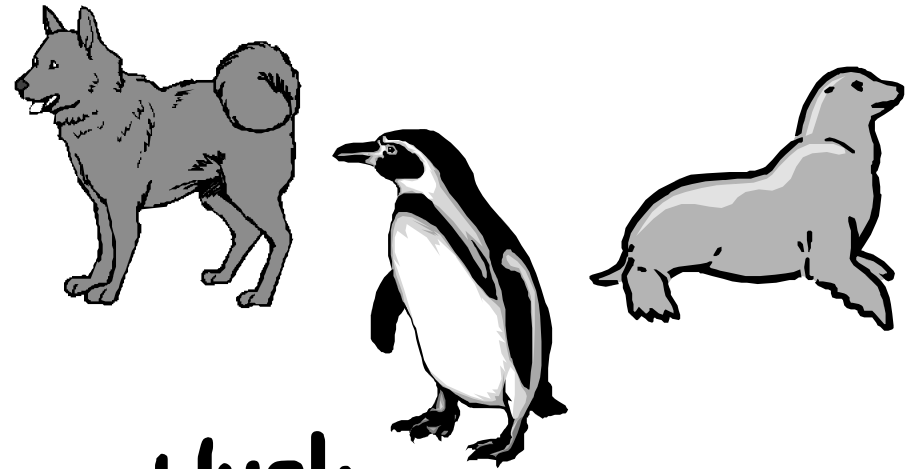
Reading at home with your child is an important part of their learning, we only know if they had shared a book with you if you indicate in their contact book. We will try to change reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday only if you have indicated that they have been read. Please encourage your children to read other books as well.

They will also be bringing home a blue letters and sounds book to help them with their reading and writing. Each week they will be updated with the sounds they have learnt that week, at the moment we are only learning the letter sound and not the letter name, we also concentrate on lower case as this is how they form their letters at school.

With all that, we are hoping for an exciting Spring Term. If there are any problems, or you need help with something do not hesitate to come and see us and we will either see you then or book an appointment for a more convenient time.

The Foundation Stage Team

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## Husky, Penguin and Seal Classes

Autumn Term three and four