



Penguins Newsletter – Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting start to term 2 with lots more planned for the rest of term.

Topic

Fireworks, Divali and Christmas

Talk for Writing Book

We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Personal, Social and emotional development

This term we will be thinking about ourselves, our families and traditions. We will be talking about what we are good at and how we can get better.

Communication and Language

We will be learning more nursery rhymes and songs linked to the topics. We will be discussing about what makes our family special, where we live and the differences in family celebrations.

Physical development

We will continue to have a range of sensory activities and fine motor activities. The children will use scissors, mark making tools, threading and tweezer activities. Gross motor skills will be developed in the garden, for example using wheelbarrows, building with bricks and riding trikes.

Literacy

Our talk for writing book for this term is 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will be reading lots of different types of stories including bears and will look at some non-fiction texts about bears. We will listen to the story and learn some matching actions, act out the story and make a story map. Phonics sessions will be based on phase 1 activities from Letters and Sounds which involves tuning in to environmental sounds, body percussion e.g., tapping out rhythms on our knees or clapping

rhythms. This term we have introduced a fortnightly sound starting with 's' and we will cover 'a' and 't' sounds. We will learn the jolly phonics song linked to the sound and say words that start with that sound. E.g., sausage, seal, sand, socks. We will also be sending home a rhyme of the week via parent mail.

Maths

In maths we will be looking at shape and pattern, 1-1 counting and number recognition to 5.

Understanding the world

We will be learning about autumn turning to winter, firework night, Remembrance Sunday, Divali / India, and Christmas.

Expressive arts and design

We will be learning songs and rhymes linked to our topics, acting out stories with props in our bear den and using different medium to create firework pictures and Rangoli patterns linked to Divali. We will be making salt dough diva lamps and decorating them. We will also be looking at the work of a specialist artist George Seurat who is known for creating painting with dots. so please look out for your child's dotty creations.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have – please speak to us at drop-off or pick-up, or email penguins@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.