



**ASH CLASS**

**Week beginning: Monday 8th January 2018**

Welcome to the Spring Term! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are rested and refreshed.

**Prime Areas**

**Physical Development including Hand Gym:**

- Scissor skill practise -cut and make a snowman
- Rolling out playdough balls for snowmen
- “Z” letter shape patterns and free drawing to practise pencil control
- Build dens or shelters thinking about how to make it warm on the inside

**Communication and Language:**

- Share experiences of visiting cold places or being in the snow
- Listening to stories on a cold theme and then answering “how” and “why” questions about them

**Personal Social and Emotional Development:**

- Develop understanding that everyone including other children and adults have the same thoughts, feelings, worries as us
- Sharing fairly without adult support

**Specific Areas**

**Literacy including Phonics:**

- Write a sentence about winter
- Write lists of what you need to wear in cold places
- Revise all taught sounds and learn “qu/sh/th/ch.” Learn high frequency words **be / up / look / for**

**Mathematics:**

- Practical addition, focussing on using appropriate language – add, and, plus, makes, altogether, equals and total.
- Recording addition in number sentences using add and equal signs
- Solving simple penguin problems and showing answers in pictures and or number sentences
- Drawing teen numbers and their values

**Understanding the World**

- Investigate and talk about signs of winter
- Find out about animals in cold places, their habitats and how they survive

**Expressive Art and Design:**

- Make a picture of an animal eg polar bear, seal, arctic fox or penguin to contribute to class display
- Free choice use of media to create a wintry picture

**How you can help at home:**

Keep reading scheme reading books from school, I recommend at least 3 books a week. This week we will be sending home a new booklet of sounds that your child will be learning at school this term. Please practise the sounds that your child has been taught in class, these are listed weekly in the “Literacy” section above. Look out for some new high frequency words in your child’s zippy wallet too and practise reading them all as often as you can. Please send in any toilet or kitchen roll tubes as we will be doing some craft activities using them. Thank you.

Finally please remember to return your child’s PE kit!

Many thanks! Mrs McQueen