

Fountain Nursery Unit

Newsletter - January 2022



Nursery Teacher: Mrs Graydon

Nursery Assistant: Mrs Craig

Through our play we are learning to:

- Zip up our own coat
- Recognise and name the digits 1 to 5
- Recognise and name 4 common 2D shapes - circle, square, rectangle and triangle
- Create pictures using a range of media
- Make simple models



Vocabulary used throughout our play:

- Words relating to winter - snow, ice, igloo, etc.
- Winter animals - penguins, polar bears, etc.
- Clothes relating to winter - hat, scarf, warm, etc.
- Words relating to construction - join, build, model, etc.
- Question words - who, what, when, where, why.
- Shapes and numbers



THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Talk about seasonal changes in winter
- Talk about the need to wear warm clothes in winter
- Talk about people and animals who live in cold countries



STORIES

We will be reading lots of stories around the theme of Winter. Please encourage your child to become familiar with favourite stories and to re-tell them using the pictures. Maybe you could record your child reading one of their favourite books and send it to me via Seesaw.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 10th January – Nursery and Primary 1 application forms available online from 12 noon

Friday 28th January - Nursery and Primary 1 applications end at 12 noon.

THEME: WINTER



Children will be:

- Learning about seasonal changes in winter and how we should dress appropriately for it
- Learning about animals which live in cold countries
- Investigating how to get something out of a block of ice
- Listening to stories about animals and weather in winter
- Learning new songs relating to the theme

Monthly Language Message



Kind words and gentle touch

...help me explore and learn so much

Evidence

'The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice' Peggy O'Mara

UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative Theory of Change document states that responsive parenting is crucial for early childhood development and for physical and emotional wellbeing. A close and loving relationship impacts on a baby's brain development and wellbeing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Primary 1 applications will be available on the EA website from Monday 10th January 2022.** If you would like more information about our school prior to this, please contact Mrs Arthur or Mrs Graydon
- **All hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers, etc. MUST be named**
- Nursery will be open from Wednesday 5th January 2022 - 9.15 a.m.



Songs and Rhymes January 2022

It Is Winter

(To the tune of 'Are You Sleeping?')

It is winter,
It is winter,
Oh, so cold!
Oh, so cold!
Icy, snowy weather,
Long nights and short days,
Winter's here!
Winter's here!



The Winter Pokey

(To the tune of 'The Hokey-Pokey')

You put your right mitten in,
You take your right mitten out.
You put your right mitten in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the winter pokey, [shiver]
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

You put your left mitten in....
You put your right boot....
You put your left boot....
You put your long scarf in....
You put your warm cap in....
You put your snowsuit in....

Let's Make a Snowman

Let's make a snowman,
Let's make him fat.
Give him a head, and put on a hat.
A carrot for his nose,
Some buttons down his chest.
I love my little snowman,
He really is the best!

Snowflakes, Snowflakes

(To the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle')

Snowflakes, snowflakes falling down,
(wiggle fingers in the air)
Falling, falling to the ground.
(wiggle fingers from the air to the ground)
Can you catch them on your nose?
(wiggle fingers to touch nose)
Will they fall and touch your toes?
(wiggle fingers to touch toes)
Snowflakes, snowflakes falling down,
(Wiggle fingers in the air)
Falling, falling to the ground.
(wiggle fingers from the air to the ground)

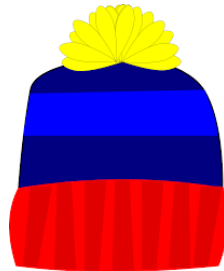


Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush

Here we go round the Mulberry bush,
The Mulberry bush, the Mulberry bush,
Here we go round the Mulberry bush,
On a cold and frosty morning.

This is the way we put on our hat,
On a cold and frosty morning.

Continue with other items of clothing
needed to play outside in the cold



Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen standing in a row,
Each had two eyes and a carrot nose,
Along came the sun and shone all day.
And one little snowman melted away.

Four little snowmen
Three little snowmen
Two little snowmen
One little snowman



Penguins

Have you ever seen a penguin?
A penguin? A penguin?
Have you ever seen a penguin
Waddle this way and that?
Waddle this way and that way?
Waddle this way and that way?
Have you ever seen a penguin
Waddle this way and that?

