Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- How can we stay warm and why is it important
- Talking about our feelings during circle times
- Learning how to care for others
- How can we be kind?

Maths

- Number rhymes
- Recognition of number 3, 4 and 5
- Subitising
- Identifying triangles, squares and pentagons
- Composition of 4 and 5

Understanding the World

- Observing the changes outdoors– weather, snow, ice
- Season walk
- Science—freezing and melting
- Fake snow small world play—penguins, wolves, polar bears etc
- Talking about winter clothing and naming different items
- Learning about how people that live where its cold stay warm.
- Exploring different senses

Enrichment Opportunities

New to nursery transitions

Local senses walk

Visit from school nurse

Stay and play

Baking biscuits

Communication and Language

- Daily story and rhyme time linked to topic
- Introduce new vocabulary
- Small world puppets for Little Red Riding Hood to encourage story telling
- Role play garden center
- Poetry basket performances
- Encourage full sentences by all
- Join in with repeated refrains in stories

Spring 1

Why is it so cold?

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Learning Together

End Points

Children will start to build friendships with their peers by taking turns and playing cooperatively with support.

Children will start to understand a simple question and can respond appropriately.

Children will enjoy sharing books and reading with their peers and familiar adults. They will be able to answer a simple question.

Key Vocabulary

Weather, season, winter, snow, frost, ice, melting, freezing

Core Texts

The Mitten

The Gingerbread man

Physical Development

- Fine motors skills development: cutting, tweezers,
- Put own hats, scarfs and gloves on
- Putting our coat on and zipping it up with support if needed
- Become more confident to travel and explore outdoors
- Building igloos
- Developing pincer grip—threading smaller items

Literacy

- Counting and clapping syllables in words (phonics)
- Discuss what they have liked/ disliked about daily stories
- Exploring body/ environmental sounds
- Adding sounds to stories
- Identifying initial sounds in mine and others names
- Clapping syllables

Expressive Arts and Design

- Winter collage—tearing and scrunching
- Penguin masks
- Cotton wool polar bears
- Colour mixing different shades of cold colours by adding white