

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

In our Jigsaw session this week, we will be talking about why we are all special and unique. We will be talking about Holmesdale's learning behaviours and learn what it means to be a responsible penguin. Please support this learning by celebrating when your child demonstrates responsibility at home.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

We will be pretending to visit Antarctica using small world characters, talking about what we need to wear to stay warm in Antarctica and how different animals have adapted to the cold environment. We will learn how to draw a penguin using different media.

We will visit our new music room to explore playing the African drums.

Communication and Language (CL)

We will be using talk to discuss what we have found out about emperor penguins and the other animals that live in Antarctica. As we explore, we will introduce the vocabulary - cold, freezing, ice, melt, melted, habitat, penguins, emperor penguin, killer whale, seal.

In our weekly Little Wandle Foundations lessons, we will continue to develop our listening skills and learn to identify and hear phonemes at the beginning of words. Our Nursery rhyme for the week is, 'Round and Round the Garden.'

13.01.25 Nursery Learning



Literacy

We will be reading a variety of non-fiction books about emperor penguins and other animals that live in Antarctica. We will be finding out where and how they survive in such a cold habitat. We will also be reading stories such as *The Emperor's Egg* by Martin Jenkins.

Polar Regions: Penguins

Maths

Our number of the week is 4. We will be learning to recognise what the numeral 4 looks like, counting to 4 and counting out number sets to 4.

You can support your child in their learning by pointing out numbers as you walk to school, on houses or car number plates.

Physical Development (PD)

We will continue to focus on developing a comfortable grip with control when holding mark making tools.

Understanding the World (UW)

We will observe ice, talking about how it feels and noticing how and when it melts. We will also be learning some facts about emperor penguins and other animals found in Antarctica such as killer whales and seals.