



Dear Parents/Carers,  
I am really looking forward to getting to know your children this term, and continuing their learning journey with them.  
Our topic this half-term, 'What Can we Find in the Ice?' will focus on weather and seasons.

If you have any questions or would like to email me, please email the address below:  
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Thank you  
Mr Hume

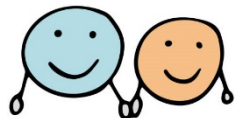
**Writing and Reading**

Children will complete set 1 of their phonics sounds and move onto set 2. They will use sound cards to help with and use within their writing when ready to do so. They will write labels and develop short sentences. Children will listen to many stories and non-fiction books linked to the weather and seasons.



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Children will discuss their dreams and goals. They will learn about building perseverance and set goals for themselves based on these discussions. They will learn strategies for overcoming obstacles and learn about where to seek help if they need. Moderating their feelings will be a major focus in terms of relationships.

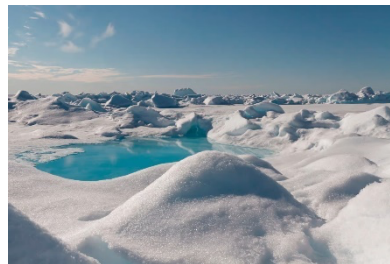


**Gross and Fine Motor Skills**

Children will develop letter formation, forming letters correctly. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently including scissors, paintbrushes, knives, forks and spoons. Children will develop their balancing skills and moving with increased confidence.



**Orange Class Learning Journey  
Spring 1 2025  
What Can We Find in the Ice?**



**Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will select appropriate tools and techniques they need to assemble materials. They will create collages of winter landscapes, make bird feeders and snowflakes, and use different shades of colours to create art inspired by the Northern Lights.



**Communication and Language**

Children will continue to learn lots of new vocabulary this half term and will be encouraged to use this throughout the day. They will develop connecting ideas together in their speech and speaking in full sentences. They will continue to engage in daily story-time sessions and will learn poems, songs and rhymes. Children will be encouraged to ask questions to find out more and check that they understand what has been said to them.



**Mathematics**



This half term, children will be counting and ordering numbers to 10, visualising this in different contexts. They will use a five- and ten- frame to help identify patterns within numbers to 10 and also help to add numbers to 5 and then 10, including finding one more and one less. Part-whole models will be introduced to help calculate number bonds to 10.

**Understanding the World**

Children will learn about the weather and seasons, including the effect of winter on the natural world. They will investigate animals from cold places and why animals hibernate during winter. After this, they will move onto comparing animals from contrasting environments and animals that are present more during the day or night and why that is.

