

Overview of Optional Activities Week beginning 4.1.21 Arctic/ Polar Animals

This week to support learning you could...

Literacy

Listen to the story The Magic Sky on Tapestry.

Read stories about the Arctic some stories such as The Emperors Egg by Martin Jenkins, Penguin Small by Mick Inkpen, Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffries. (Staff will also add to Tapestry one per day)

Writing- watch a video on Youtube with your grown up about the Northern Lights. What colours can you see? Teachers will email out a template for this.

Daily phonics presentations sent out.(from Wednesday)

Write and draw a picture of you and your family at Christmas.

Please can you upload photos of any of your child's work onto Tapestry.

Maths

Guidance

Children will continue to develop the understanding that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers. Allow them to explore and notice the different compositions of 4 and 5. For example 5 can be composed of 1 and 1 and 3 or 2 and 3 or 1 and 4.



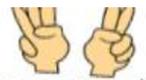
Encourage them to subitise (instantly recognise these small quantities without counting).

Encourage them to notice how numbers can be composed of 2 parts or more than 2 parts.



Challenge- can they write this as a number sentence/ $2 + 3 = 5$, $4 + 1 = 5$
If your child cannot write the numbers yet practise saying the number sentences together.

Play Bunny Ears



Using 2 hands to be the ears, how many ways can you show 4 or 5 fingers? Can you see what number I have made?
Can you make ears the same as mine?
Can you make the same number in a different way?
How many different ways can we find?

Creative

Use chalks/ pastels or paints to paint a picture of the Magic Sky!



Draw/ paint animals you might see in the Arctic.

Paper plate polar bears



Winter landscapes
With torn paper



MAKE A TORN TREE
Landscape
ArtProjectsforKids.org

Physical

Ball skills- practise throwing and catching a ball. Talk about the position of your hands when you throw and catch.

Yoga

[Joybob The Polar Bear | A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure! - YouTube](#)

Scissor skills- practice cutting. Can you make a paper snowflake?

Can you cut out square shapes to collage an igloo?



Understanding the World

Can you make a list of all the animals you can see in the Arctic?

National Geographic-

[Polar Habitat \(nationalgeographic.com\)](#)

[10 Arctic Animals for Kids – Snow Animals for Kids – Polar Animals - YouTube](#)

Please make sure if watching clips on YouTube your child is supervised as some adverts may not be appropriate.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk to your child about being kind. How can we be kind to each other, ourselves and the planet.