

ST LAWRENCE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

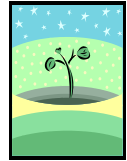
**FOUNDATION STAGE  
CURRICULUM  
OUTLINE**

Spring Term 2019

**AS COLD AS ICE**



Dear Parents



Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone!

Our theme this term is "As Cold As Ice", beginning with a stunning start of a wintery walk (please ensure children have wellies to stay in school for the term). We will be exploring Winter weather, hibernation and thinking about cold places in the world, including our famous Penguin Day and Penguin Olympics! This will lead on to the changes and new life of Spring, with a fabulous finish of a visit to Washbrooks Farm.

## **PSED**

This term we will continue to focus on our school values. Children will also develop confidence, co-operation, teamwork and independence through activities such as:

- \* taking a leadership role within the classroom
- \* collecting merits towards school certificates
- \* self-registering
- \* self-selecting and self-initiating activities
- \* self-evaluation of learning
- \* changing books independently
- \* setting up and tidying our indoor and outdoor environment
- \* using a knife and fork independently and cleaning their lunchtime items after eating.

Children will begin to understand that people have different needs, views, cultures and beliefs that need to be treated with respect.

## **Communication and Language**

Children will use language within a variety of contexts. They will be encouraged to use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

## **Literacy**

- \* Our core texts for the term are: "The Gruffalo's Child", "What the Ladybird Heard", and a range of topic-related non-fiction texts.
- \* Children will use their phonic knowledge to help them read and write simple regular words. We will also keep adding



phonics videos to Tapestry to help you practise at home. Children will continue to bring home lists of words to learn by sight.

- \* Thank you for helping your child to read at home. Please do comment in his/her reading record as much as you can.
- \* Through guided, shared and individual reading, children will continue to develop their reading skills and strategies.
- \* Children will have opportunities to attempt writing for a variety of purposes.

Useful websites that the children enjoy exploring at school are:

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) (In literacy, choose games best suited to your child.), [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) (select **free phonics play**, select **phase 1, 2 or 3** on left hand side, choose **free games**).

## Mathematics



Through practical exploration and investigation, we will identify and count numbers, estimate and measure, and recognise and describe shapes. Much of our mathematics remains practical and children are encouraged to record their findings in different ways.

Number recognition and counting on and back up to and beyond 20 continue as priorities. Children will take part in a range of problem solving activities. We will also be exploring 3D and 2D shapes in more detail.

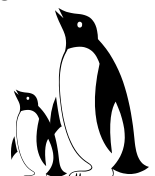
Our number, shape, space and measure activities are often related to our core texts, enhancing the children's enjoyment.

Useful websites that you might wish to explore at home are: [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) (in maths/counting), [www.topmarks.co.uk/earlyyears](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/earlyyears).

## Understanding the World

The theme of winter and cold weather will begin our term and we will learn about how different animals cope in the cold. This will include penguins and other polar animals. As we observe the change to Spring, new life will be an exciting topic.

We will explore and investigate ice and its properties. Children will plan investigations and record observations. We will begin to observe and learn about life cycles.



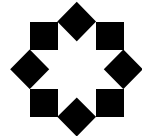
Children will enjoy learning about celebrations in different cultures and religions, including the Chinese New Year.

## Physical Development

A range of activities will strengthen muscles and develop co-ordination. Art and craft activities on a small and large scale will promote control and efficiency when using equipment and tools.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Through a range of exciting activities we will explore colour, texture, shape, form and space in two and three dimensions. We will create music and dance linked to a winter theme.



## PE Days

**Pear/Apple** - Tuesday

**Plum** - Wednesday

Please name all items of clothing and continue to increase your child's independence when dressing and undressing if needed.

## Tapestry

Please check Tapestry regularly and continue to upload wow moments from home, as well as commenting on our observations where helpful.

## Important Dates for the Term

**Monday 14 January**

School clubs begin

**Wednesday 16 January**

8.50 St Lawrence Hub coffee morning

**Tuesday 5 February**

9.00 Governors' AGM for parents

**Tuesday 12 February**

7.00 Maths curriculum evening

**Wednesday 13 February**

9.10-10.10 Maths curriculum morning

**Friday 15 February**

Penguin day (dress up)

**Friday 1-March 7 March**

3.15 Book fair

**Thursday 7 March**

World Book Day (dress up)

**Tuesday 12 March**

5.30-8.00 Parent consultations

**Thursday 14 March**

3.30-5.30 Parent consultations

**Wednesday 20 March**

8.50-9.15 Stay and share for parents

**Friday 29 March**

School clubs finish

**Tuesday 26 March**

Visit to Washbrooks Farm

**Wednesday 3 April**

3.15 PTA Easter egg hunt

