

Sandal Primary School Parent Information Sheet

Spring 1 Year group – Nursery FS1 Teacher – Mrs Finlay

In English we will:

- Listen to winter stories such as 'Snow Bears', 'Beti & the Yeti' and 'Jack Frost'.
- Focus on picture clues in texts, to predict what might happen next.
- Continue to follow Stage 1 Phonics of 'Letters and Sounds'. We will be focusing on tapping out syllables in words and hearing and saying the initial sounds in words.
- Identifying our name card, by focusing on the initial sound.
- Gain pencil control, to trace over our per-cursive name card.

In Personal, Social and Emotional development & RE we will:

- Continue to learn how to use new resources and to use them independently.
- Learn how to keep play going by responding to what others are saying or doing.
- Our 'Root of Learning' this half term is 'Aiming High' and our PSHE Jigsaw topic is 'Dreams and Goals' therefore we will be thinking about how to improve our work and what we would like to be able to achieve in the future.

In Maths we will:

- Use number names accurately in play.
- Comparing two groups of objects, stating when they have more, less or have the same number.
- Counting objects and pictures, ensuring we are only giving each object / picture one number.
- Start to match numerals to quantities.
- Be able to describe 2D shapes, by stating how many sides and corners they have.
- Continue to use marks to represent numbers and quantities.

Information:

- Please can the children come dressed in a winter themed costume, i.e. a character from 'Frozen', a polar animal, snowman or snowflake ready for our 'Winter Wonderland Day' on **Wednesday 9th January**.
- Parents are always welcome to come and support activities in Nursery. If you feel you have any spare time and enjoy creative or baking activities, please let a member of staff know when you are free. Your support is always appreciated.

Our theme this term is:
'Explore, Rescue & Protect'
This half term the topic is:

**'Winter
Wonderland'**



Things to remember:

- Please encourage your child to take their own coat off and to find their own peg at the start of nursery. We are very pleased when children show independence and will be rewarding those who show a 'can do' attitude.
- Our challenge in Nursery this half term is to be able to read our name independently by Easter. Please help your child to achieve this by practising at home. If they achieve this early, they can practise writing their name independently.

In Understanding the World, we will:

- Be learning about the season of winter and thinking about what changes happen during this time of year.
- Learning about which animals live in Polar regions and how they are suited to their environment.
- Explore the process of melting and freezing, through a series of investigations.
- Learning about the way of life of Inuit people.

In Expressive arts and design & Physical development we will:

- Exploring which materials to use, to design our own winter clothes.
- Think about how the texture of materials can create different printing patterns.
- Create characters and stories in our 'Winter Café' role play area.
- Use different techniques to join materials, to make 3D models.
- Learn how to climb on, travel along, around and under simple equipment in the gym.