

Understanding the world

Children will learn about different types of bears and where those bears may live. They will explore the season of Winter and the weather changes that we see at this time of year. We will explore hibernation how some animals like to take a long winter's nap.

We will explore changes in materials engaging in activities using both ice and chocolate!

We will celebrate Chinese new year, St Valentine's day St Patrick's day and Shrove Tuesday.

Personal, social and emotional development

The children will continue to develop their confidence in meeting unfamiliar adults and extending their sense of responsibility and membership of our community within school. They will become more articulate about their feelings and gradually be able to appreciate the feelings of others when needing to resolve conflicts and take turns in play.

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Baptism- My name- In this unit the children will learn that Baptism is a ceremony where babies are named.

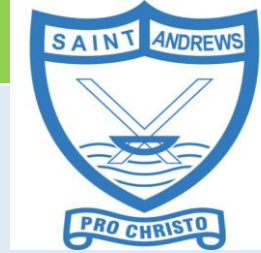
They will learn that water is a symbol of Baptism.

- **God's family-** In this unit the children will learn that Sunday is a special place to gather in Church, and that we can give thanks for those we love.

- **Lent- Jesus and His Father-** In this unit the children will learn that know that God is the Father of Jesus and that the sign of the cross is about God and Jesus.

Nursery Spring 1

Topic-Bears



Physical Development

The children will continue to improve their fine motor skills engaging in a variety of activities such as threading, pegging, cutting and using a selection of mark making implements. We will support the children to find a comfortable grip and a dominant hand for writing and drawing activities. In gross motor activities the children will develop movement, balance and ball skills.

Communication & Language

- In listening and attention, the children will continue to develop their skills of being a good listener, listening to longer stories and recalling much of what happens. In our topic of Bears and Winter the children will recall new vocabulary and use it within their play. The children will improve their confidence in talking to both adults in nursery and their friends, starting a conversation and taking turns to speak, continuing it for many turns.

Expressive arts and Design

- The children will create homes for hibernating bears and enjoy a sensory bear hunt walk. They will use their imagination in small world and role play activities inventing their own versions of the story of the three bears. The children will continue to develop their confidence in drawing, painting, singing, dancing and using musical instruments.

Literacy

We will explore a variety of stories about Bears including the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the three bears, We're going on a bear hunt and Peace at last.

We will write for different purposes, including a letter to baby bear from Goldilocks, and a map for a bear hunt. We will begin to write some or all of our name with confidence. We will develop phonological awareness for early reading by spotting and suggesting rhymes, counting and clapping syllables in a word and recognizing when words have the same initial sound, such as money and mother.

Mathematical Development

Children will continue to explore numbers up to 5, practising reciting in order, subitising, and tagging 1 number for each item when counting and knowing that the last number counted is the total amount. In pattern the children will recognise a simple ABAB pattern and be able to continue the pattern with independence. We will explore positional language using a teddy bear who can't sit still!