



Welcome to the second half of the spring term. My name is Ms Valance and I am looking forward to teaching the nursery children for the rest of the year.

Book bags – children will have the opportunity to take a book home to share with their family.

Out topic for this half term is 'Hot and Cold places'

In Writing we will continue to practice writing our own names confidently. In Phonics we will practice finding the first sounds in words. We will consolidate blending and segmenting skills. In Reading we will share stories with repeated phrases to use in our own stories.

In Maths we will be sorting common shapes by their properties in sorting games.

We will be extending our counting ability to say the number names in order to twenty, making sure when we count a number of objects we say one number name for one object.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Education we will talk about when we are feeling sad and happy around life events and how we can support each other when this happens.

In Communication and Language we will use new vocabulary around 'Hot and Cold places'. We will ask and answer questions about what we have learned.

## Our Topic this half term is 'Hot and Cold Places'

In Understanding the World we will be comparing different environments from Antarctica to Africa. The children will be investigating how to make ice and how it melts.

During Expressive Art and Design sessions we will use different media, paint, oil pastel and collage to illustrate hot and cold environments.

In Physical Development we will practice taking turns in games, sharing equipment and 'being fair'.

In Jewish Studies we will be celebrating the festivals of Purim and learning the story of Queen Esther. We will be learning about the significance of the Seder plate and the story of Passover as we prepare for our Pesach performance.