



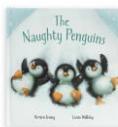
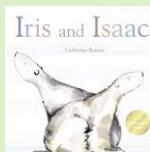
Nursery – Spring Term 1

This term we will be focussing on the story of 'The Naughty Penguins', who play tricks on their friends only to learn that being mean isn't the right thing to do.

Literacy

Our main text for this half term is 'Naughty Penguins'. This book has beautiful illustrations and lovely vocabulary.

Other texts that we will look at are 'The Magical Snow Garden' and 'Iris and Isaac'



Understanding of the World

We will be comparing different countries to our own, specifically the polar regions in which the books are set.

We will be talking about differences between materials and noticing changes along the way (ice melting to water, floating and sinking)



Communication and Language

We will be continuing to practise our listening skills during circle times.

We will use new vocabulary from the stories we hear.

We will encourage children to express a point of view and discuss when they disagree with something.



Work is differentiated to meet the needs and appropriate age requirements of all children in Nursery.

Maths



Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects (without counting) and be able to quickly represent 0-3 with fingers. Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern. Make our own repeating patterns.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Both 'The Naughty Penguins' and 'Iris and Isaac' are stories that explore friendship.

Using the coram life education scheme we will be learning about what is safe and not safe to go into the body. We will discuss things that help keep us healthy.

Physical Development



We continue to use 'dough disco' and 'Squiggle while we wiggle' to develop hand strength.

More mark making opportunities will be put into provision to encourage emergent writing e.g. taking orders in the café. We will continue to develop their movement in the outdoor space, balancing and ball skills.

Expressive Arts and Design



Develop model making skills, discovering different ways to connect things; glue, tape, treasury tags. Draw with increasing complexity, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.



A warm welcome to those children who are joining us after Christmas.

We go out in all weathers, so please make sure your child has appropriate **NAMED** clothing for the weather.

Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothing each day as we often get wet or dirty outdoors (especially socks!)

These can stay on your child's peg in a drawstring bag.

Things you can do at home to help this half term

- Encourage your child to put on their shoes and coat independently. For those that can already do this please teach them how to do their own zip.
- It may take a little longer for them to do it independently, but it is a useful skill to learn.
- Look for patterns when you are out and about and in books e.g spotty, stripy, checked.
- Play number games, using a dice to help them recognise the number pattern.
- As always, remind your child/children to take the time to notice nature's wonder around them. Icy mornings will no doubt be on their way!
- Enjoy books together

If you have any questions, we are always available at the door at drop off/collection times, or if you prefer you can email me on Clare.collin@ashlands.mlt.co.uk

Thank-you for your continued support.

Mrs Collin and the Nursery Team