



# SKYLARKS <sup>Winter</sup> NURSERY



## Winter



Nursery Newsletter: Term 3 January 2024

Happy New Year to you all. We are pleased to see you back for the new term and to welcome our new children and families to Skylarks.

We are starting this year learning all about winter adventures. We will talk about where we can go and what we can do in winter and how to dress to keep ourselves warm. We will develop our vocabulary describing what we see and feel and will learn about animals and birds in this country and where they go in the winter time. We will join in with the RSPB big bird watch.

Our topic this term is **Winter Wonderland**

We will start each week with a story.

These will include

The Snowball, Little Robin's winter song, the Mitten and Jack Frost. We will also use Technology to find out new information about animals in the winter.



We will also begin to make up our own snowy adventure stories.

**Speaking, listening and Phonics.**

This term we will be developing descriptive vocabulary as we talk about snow, frost and ice and predict what will happen and how things change when they are heated or frozen. We will use the FANTASTIC symbols to encourage the children to extend their vocabulary when looking at books. Please support their language skills by continuing to use the guide in the books which they bring home.

In phonics we will begin to break down and hear the syllables in words. We will count the beats in the children's names and in other words.

We will continue hearing initial phonemes and blending phonemes together to make words.

m, d, g, o, c k, e

### **Maths**

We are learning number recognition and developing our counting skills through Ten Town. Each number has a story and a song which goes with it and some activities that will help develop number skills as well as shape and measure. As we travel around the ten town map we will encounter new numbers. Please ask your child each week which number they have been learning about and to teach you the song. You could go on number hunts to find the number of the week. Don't forget to post on Tapestry.



### **Name writing**

At the end of last term some children were showing an interest in writing their names. It is important that if you are name writing at home you use lower case letters. Please encourage the children to use correct formation as it is harder to correct the children once they have learned the incorrect formation. Please see a member of staff for details and a copy of their name card if you are unsure.

### **Diary Dates**

26th January- Big bird watch.

If you would like to join in at home you can register on the RSPB website.