

Initial Brainstorm - Autumn 2, 2018

Mathematics

- Comparing groups of objects
- One more and one less than numbers
- Positional Language
- 2D shape
- Number recognition and counting up to 20.
- Estimating

Understanding of the world

- How can we free Elsa's friends? Ice experiment.
- Winter weather
- Ways to keep warm
- Make snow from powdered snow
- Use instruments to make spiky/frosty sounds
- Freezing and melting of different shapes / foods / coloured ice
- Make Ice lollies!
- Look at maps/globes of cold countries
- Why are Polar Bears white?
- Animals that live in a cold climate - Research and write creature reports
- Look at the life of Inuits
- Look at clothes worn by Inuits and ways they travel around.
- Where does Father Christmas live?
- Make and discuss Christingles
- Write a letter to Santa, discuss how to get it there
- Discuss home based traditions - advent calendar, tree, food, music, decorations, presents

Communication and Language / Literacy

- Read, Write, Inc programme to be delivered in small groups
- Books / texts to include:
 - The Snowman
 - The Jolly Christmas Postman
 - North Pole South Pole
 - The Snow Bear
 - The Snowy Day
 - Poles apart
 - The Nativity Story
 - The Dinosaur that pooped Christmas
 - Aliens love Panta Claus

The North Pole

PSED

- Discuss firework safety
- Read 'Poles Apart'
- Talk about similarities and differences in themselves and other people in different climates
- Talk about giving and receiving presents
- Think about own needs in cold weather
- Precious gifts - Circle time -
- What is my best present ever!

Physical Development

- Funky fingers to take place daily
- Weekly PE session
- Make salt dough Christmas decorations
- Make reindeer food - pipettes / spoons ect
- Make Mince pies
- Listen to 'We're walking in the air' and move accordingly
- Listen to lively staccato music and move with spiky/sharp movements
- Move like different arctic animals

Expressive Art and Design

- Discuss colours, colour mixing and shades of colours
- Use large sticks to make 'fires' and 'cook' on them
- Large scale construction - build igloos / Anna's castle
- Designing and making snowflakes
- Build an igloo role play area
- Make a small world 'North pole'
- White paint, chalk, glitter on black paper.
- Making animal masks
- Make different reindeer food from glitter / oats
- Make Christmas cards
- Make Christmas decorations
- Design own Christmas wrapping paper
- Make Christmas calendars
- Learn Christmas songs
- Discuss wrapping presents, children to decide on best way to do this.
- Turn creative area into Santa's workshop
- Re-enact story 'The First Christmas'

Possible visits, visitors, events:

Christmas Jumper Day, White Post Farm, Winter Fayre, Christmas Play -Lights, Camel, Action Visit from Chapel to present Bibles, Bookstart parent event