



Where Does Snow Go?

14th January – 8th February 2018

What are we going to be learning?

During this theme we will be learning all about winter. We will begin with a winter walk finding out what has change since the autumn. We will talk about winter weather and look at the properties of ice and snow (we hope we will see some snow!) We will talk about how we keep warm in cold weather and look at patterns on hats, scarves and gloves. We will also look at how birds and animals keep warm in the winter and learn about 'hibernation'. We will investigate what happens to ice when it melts. We will be basing a lot of our work around the story One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth. We will retell the story using small world figures. We will think of lots of wintery words and use our phonics to help us write them. We will label a snowy picture and then write a sentence about it. In maths we will be doing lots of work about addition and subtraction. We will have a café role play and use this to do maths using money. Owls will be doing lots of counting, such as the buttons on a snowman. We will end our theme by making a snowy picture, choosing what media we want to use.

What will the hook be?

A winter walk.

How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

We will all make a 'snowy' picture to display.

How can learning be extended at home? (Your child may also bring homework tasks and please see the reading record)

Talk about how we keep warm when the weather is cold. Use books or the internet to find out how birds and animals keep warm in the winter. Talk about the things you can see on frosty days. Look out for bird footprints on wet or icy days. Look out for repeating patterns on hats, scarves and gloves. If we are lucky enough to have some snow, count footsteps in the snow. Count how many birds come into your garden or you see on a walk. Ask questions such as how many would there be if one/two more came or one/two flew away.

Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beginning 4 th January	Week beginning 8th January	Week beginning 15th January	Week beginning 22nd January	Week beginning 29th January	Week beginning 5th February
	New Nursery children start in Owls and Owlets. Winter walk		23 rd School nurse sessions about washing hands for Reception children.		Snowy pictures week. 9 th last day of the half term.