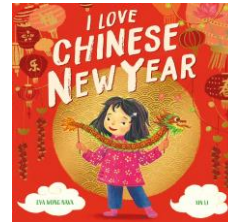
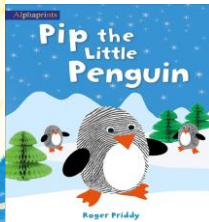
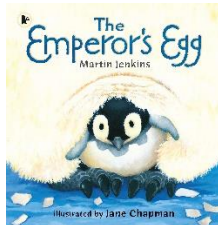
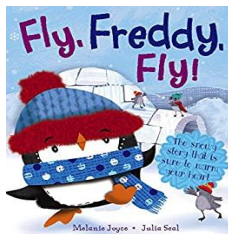


Key texts and topics.

Over the course of the term we will be exploring Antarctica and sharing texts about Antarctica and penguins. We will be exploring the stories Fly Freddy Fly, Pip the Penguin as well as The Emperor's Egg. We will be learning all about Antarctica and comparing that cold, icy place to where we live in Keighley. We will be learning what it is like to live there as well as learning lots of facts about penguins. We will explore Non Fiction texts about penguins and Antarctica and be able to talk about what we see in books, videos and photographs. We will be exploring Chinese New Year and learning how this festival is celebrated.



P.S.E.D. and **SCARF**

We will be settling back in to nursery after the Christmas holidays and we will be welcoming some new families and children. Welcome to Worth Valley! We will continue to develop relationships with our friends and teachers as well as building our self esteem and confidence. We will continue learning to share and take turns and have a go at problem solving. We will be thinking about how others might be feeling as they start with us in nursery and reflect on how we could be a good friend.

We will also be learning about what is safe to go in our bodies as well as how to keep safe indoors as well as outdoors. We will also be learning about the people who keep us safe.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our independence and self care skills with using the toilet confidently as well as practising fastening the zips on our coats and putting our own shoes and jumpers on. We will be using lots of writing tools as we develop our pencil grip as well as using different tools such as pipettes, tweezers, brushes, scissors and hole punchers. We will continue with our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle movement programme as we learn to move our bodies in a range of ways carefully and competently. We will continue practice writing our name regularly and we will be developing our early writing skills as we mark make for a range of purposes in the different areas of provision in nursery.

Communication and Language

We will continue to sing lots of nursery rhymes daily and we will learn some new songs about penguins. We will be interacting lots with our teachers and with our friends in our play. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary related to Antarctica and penguins and we will be developing our ability to listen to and then retell a story. We will continue develop our ability to have a conversation with our teachers and friends, sharing and taking turns as well as developing our negotiating skills. We will be developing understanding by asking who, what, where and why questions to the children.



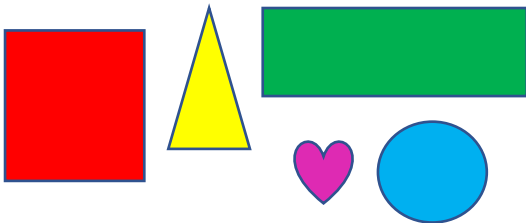
We will be singing lots of rhymes and songs as well as listening to stories that rhyme.

We will be learning to spot and suggest rhyming words as well as clapping out syllables in words.

We will be learning a different sound each week as well as blending the sounds we hear to make words.

### Maths

We will be singing lots of counting rhymes as well as counting objects carefully and accurately. We will be subitising with a range of objects as well as exploring more than and less than. We will be creating repeating patterns as well as matching and sorting with 2d and 3d shapes. We will be learning the names of the shapes as well as describing how many sides and the shapes of the faces. We will be measuring different weights of a range of objects and learning new vocabulary related to weight. We will be consolidating our understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, next to, behind, between, in front, above and below.



### Understanding the World

We are exploring Antarctica and we will be comparing what it is like to live there and where the children live in Keighley. We will be freezing water and watching it melt and we will be able to talk about the changes that are taking place. We will be learning about Chinese New Year where we will learn how people celebrate this festival. We will be developing positive attitudes to different people. We will learn that there are different countries in the world and talk what we see on videos, in books and from photographs.



### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be colour mixing with a range of colours as well as using different colours as we paint on ice. We will be also creating icy pictures with a range of colours, paint and materials. We will be singing lots of songs and rhymes as well as playing instruments in a range of ways. We will be drawing with a range of tools as well as using different materials to make models and join materials together. We will be developing our imagination in the home corner and with the small world animals as we join in with pretend play with our friends. We will be making Chinese New Year lanterns as well as having a go at drawing and painting some Chinese writing. We will be using inks to create a piece of art that is based on the story Pip the Penguin.

### How you can help your child at home

Please take a story home each week and read these every night to your child. By the end of the week your child should be able to read the story back to you which would be amazing! Please encourage your child to get dressed themselves as well as fastening the zips on their coat. Count as much as you can with your child and sing the rhyme of the week that we send home. Go on a shape hunt and talk about the shapes that you can find. Ask your child to give you a word that rhymes with.... and see if they can independently count out the number of syllables in a word. Please help your child with their toileting skills as they develop their independence with self care. You could also encourage your child to draw with a range of tools to help develop their pencil grip.

