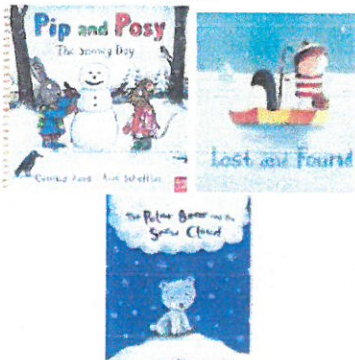





Week beginning: 12th January 2026

This week in Maple

Book of the week: The Snowy Day, Lost and Found, The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud 	Rhyme of the week: Incy Wincy Spider 	Happy Thought: A hug is always the right size 	Sign of the week:  Play
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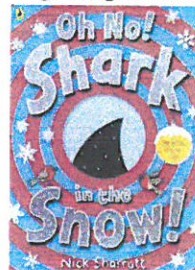
In Maths we will be:

- counting during play and everyday routines
- Recognising small amounts without counting each one
- Comparing what changes and what stays the same
- Using time words such as before, after, first and next
- Talking about which things melt faster and why



In Phonics we will be:

- listening carefully to different sounds in our environment
- Enjoying familiar songs, rhymes and repeated refrains
- Noticing when sounds are loud or quiet
- Joining in with actions and repeated words
- Beginning to hear sounds that are the same or different



Learning opportunities:

This week in our enhanced and continuous provision, the children will have opportunities to:

- Develop language through role play in the dolls house area
- Explore sand using new resources such as monster trucks and tubing
- Build and problem-solve with train tracks and new pieces
- Explore sounds and instruments in the music area
- Enjoy winter-themed stories and learn how to choose and return books
- Explore ice, water, and cornflour, noticing changes such as freezing, melting, hard, soft, wet, and dry.

Help at Home:

Discovering Changes Together

Talk with your child about cold and warm at home. You could watch ice melt in a bowl or talk about how water feels in the bath. Encourage your child to use words like cold, wet, and melting, and to take turns talking about what they notice.



Dates for your diary:

WC 19th January - We are Artist's week
Wednesday 21st January - Salt Pots visit
Wednesday 28th January - Owl Visit

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff in Maple.