Nursery Mini Adventure Context Plan - Spring 1 Polar Adventure

Inspirations for Learning

- Range of topic related Fiction and Non-Ficton texts
- Arctic & Antarctic pictures
- Arctic Role Play area & Small World Land
- TV Clips/Videos













Key Texts

The Rainbow Bear - Michael Morpurgo
The Emperor's Egg - Martin Jenkins
The Little Polar Bear - Hans de Beer
Polar Lands - Margaret Hynes
100 Facts Polar Lands - Steve Parker
We value the importance of adult modelled
reading and storytelling and this takes place on a
daily basis in the Explorers' zone.

Through a variety of Independent and Adult Focused Activities I will be developing the following Skills, Knowledge and Understanding

Maths	Communication and Language	Literacy	Physical Development
Represent numbers using fingers, objects, marks on paper or pictures Explore measure - length, height, breadth and distance using non-standard measures Show some awareness of simple concepts - long, tall, short, wide, narrow, near, far Know how many I need to move, count, find using the dots on a dice as a tool to match an amount Compare groups of objects and use the language of more/less	 Use a range of simple adjectives to describe pictures, animals and objects Develop simple stories and narratives using role play and small world Talk about where I live and about how it differs from the Polar regions Show some awareness of simple concepts - long, tall, short, wide, narrow, near, far Understand 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple questions 	 Show an interest in illustrations and print in the environment Talk about stories using the beginning, middle and end Begin to identify Fiction and Non-fiction texts Make suggestions as to how a story might end Make marks/some identifiable letters to demonstrate writing Sequence a familiar story using pictures 	Move with increasing control and coordination Copy and remember simple moves and positions Imitate movement in response to music Create movements to communicate a mood, feeling or idea Draw lines and circles using gross motor movements Use one handed tools and equipment with some accuracy
Key Vocabulary Measure, length, height, breadth, distance, standard measure, non-standard measure	Key Vocabulary adjective, describe, stories, narrative, talk, long, short, tall, wide, narrow, near, far, who, what, where	Key Vocabulary Illustrate, picture, print, story, beginning, middle, end, fiction, non-fiction, end, writing, sequence,	Key Vocabulary Move, control, mood, feeling, idea, lines, circles

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Religious Education
 Keep play going by responding to what others are saying or doing Confident to talk to other children when playing Confident to ask adults for help when needed Persevere and keep trying even when things are tricky Show that I have pride in what I am doing 	I will Investigate the melting and freezing of water Talk about and make comments about what I see happening Identify and name some animals that are found in the Arctic and Antarctic Identify the North and South Pole on a globe and world map Talk about why things happen and begin to explain my thinking	Use, sort and arrange a combination of materials that are cut, torn and glued and mix materials to create different textures. Explore crayon resist, foil and marble painting Use a variety of music as a stimulus for painting and drawing Create and explore making a range of winter/arctic sounds using a variety of instruments	 Listen to some of the stories from the New Testament and begin to make links to the Christian Values Use role-play to recount these Bible stories Demonstrate my knowledge of these stories through art, dance, drama and storytelling
Key Vocabulary Explain, question, collaborate, negotiate, solve, persevere, endure, take pride	Key Vocabulary Investigate, melt, freeze, Arctic & Antarctic animal names	Key Vocabulary Sort, arrange, cut, tear, glue, create, explore paint, draw, music	Key Vocabulary Bible, New Testament, stories, Jesus, Christian Values, Gospel