

## Important dates and Celebrations:

Chinese New Year – 12th February 2021

Half term- 15th – 19th February 2021

**Children return to school** on Monday 22nd February 2021.

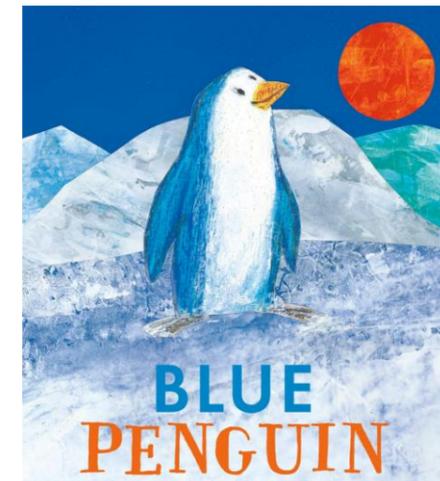
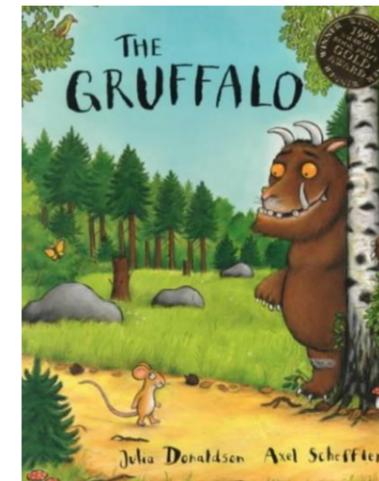
Shrove Tuesday – 16th February 2021

Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring term. It has been an unusual start to the year but we are keen to continue learning. Whether your child is in class or working remotely we have lots of exciting opportunities to help develop your child's mind.

This half term we will be learning all about Winter, Animals and The Chinese New Year, through lots of different exciting books and resources.

Kind regards,

Miss Millie and Apple Tree team

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**Spring 1 2021**

## Maths

This half of term we will be learning all about Number bonds, addition and subtraction with a focus on how we can represent zero.

Our main focus will be to strengthen your child's ability to visualise an amount without having to physically see it in front of them. Another focus will be to strengthen their understanding of one less and one more.

## Phonics

The children have been recapping set 1 sounds and revisiting consonant, vowel, consonant words and 'tricky words', these are words that they need to know off by heart.

They will begin to learn set 2 sounds in the coming weeks.

## Expressive Art and Design

We will be focusing our creative activities around the topic Winter, making all kinds of snowy themed creations! Next we will be making all things animal related!

## Talk 4 Writing (T4W)

The children are thoroughly enjoying their T4W stories. T4W is taught over a two week cycle, where we create a story map together but the children are then encouraged to create their own version. After every carpet session, the children take part in a follow up writing session that relates back to the story. This time is another great opportunity for the children to apply their Phonics knowledge.

The children also have access to the T4W story throughout the day in their learning environment.

So far we have read the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

## Core Text/Book

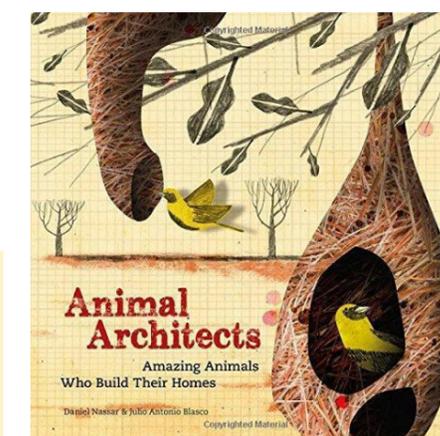
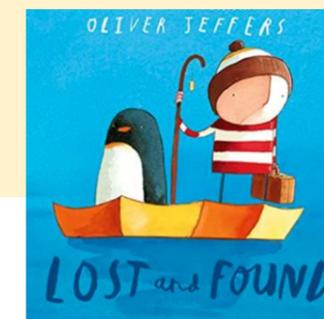
For the start of this half term, the children have been reading 'Blue Penguin' as their Core Text.

The topic focus are about 'Winter', 'Animals' & Chinese New Year. The

Again, the children have access to the Core Text throughout the day in their learning environment.

The next book will be 'The Gruffalo' which will focus on 'Animals'.

## We are reading:



# This half term in Reception ...

## Music

The children will be focusing on moving and dancing as they begin to recognise repeated musical patterns. They will continue to develop their vocal abilities through singing familiar songs as well as new ones.

## Understanding the World

This term we will be researching into the Arctic and how things can survive such cold climates. We will also conduct some experiments around freezing how water's appearance changes as it gets colder. Next, we will be learning all about different animals and their various habitats. Thinking about why they like living in those particular conditions.

## Religious Education

This half terms focus is 'Jesus is Special', each week we will explore different reasons behind this statement. We will be finding out about the following:

- Who is special to you /Christians?
- Why do Christians believe they are special to Jesus?
- What made Jesus a special child for Christians?
- What made Jesus a special grown up?
- What does Jesus teach Christians?

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes on their peg.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Thursdays** for their lesson in school.