

Caterpillars - Spring Term 1

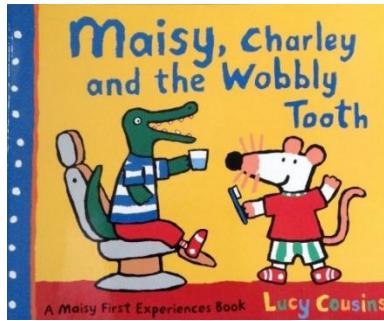
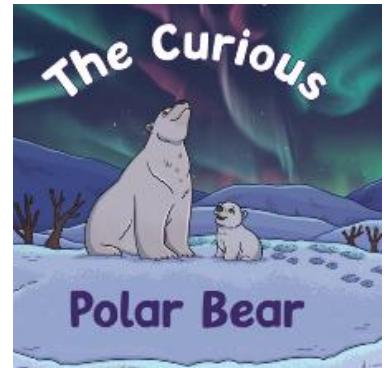
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People who help us



This half term we are continuing with the theme of seasons learning all about winter. Our story 'The Curious Polar Bear' is introducing the children to winter animals and environmental changes as well as rhyming in text.

We will then be moving on to the topic of people who help us including Dentists and Doctors.



The children will be encouraged through modelling to use and expand on their current vocabulary. They will be supported to interact during their play including naming of the different equipment and mathematical language of counting and size. They will also be encouraged to talk about home experiences of their visits to the dentist and doctors.



The children will be using their senses to explore different textures including moon sand, ice and shaving foam as they learn how to manipulate materials for a purpose. This will include developing their fine motor skills as they use a range of different tools to scrub, draw teeth and to make lines and enclose shapes to represent the different parts of their bodies and mouth.

We will be introducing new role play equipment to encourage the children to play together co-operatively and take on specific roles in their play. They will be encouraged to begin to talk about real life experiences such as going to doctor/ dentist. This will help to develop children's understanding of the different roles adults have and how they help them including a doctor, nurse or health visitor as well as the different equipment they might use.

The children will be developing their understanding of one-to-one correlation as they are encouraged to join in with number games and activities using props. These will include counting the spots on a dice to know how many teeth they need to add to their mouth templates. They will also be developing their matching skills as they build skeletons, looking at the different sizes and shapes of the bones and where they belong on the body.