

## English

We will be looking at the text 'Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg. The children will be focussing on using expressive descriptive language to really engage their reader in their writing.

-use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

-write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.

-read their own writing aloud, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.

## Handwriting

-use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.

## French

We will recap looking at basic phrases. Then will we start to form basic sentences.

'Bonjour! Ca Va?'

## Maths

This half term we are focussing on place value. The children need to be able to:

-add and subtract numbers mentally, including:

- i. a three-digit number and 1s
- ii. a three-digit number and 10s
- iii. a three-digit number and 100s

-add and subtract numbers with up to 3 digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction

-estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers

-solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

This half terms topic is looking at Winter Wonderland. We will be focusing on different Christmas Traditions around the world. We will also be looking at some of our own traditions and how they came to be.

## Geography/History

We will be looking at:

-Places around the world and their traditions at Christmas.

-Creating a timeline of British Christmas Traditions and looking at how they came to be.

-Choosing a country and creating a factfile on their traditions using research.

# Winter Wonderland



## Art

We will be exploring art from around the world. We will also be creating Northern light pictures using chalk.

The children will get to further experiment with different mediums and research how they are used around the world.