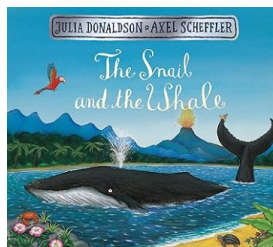
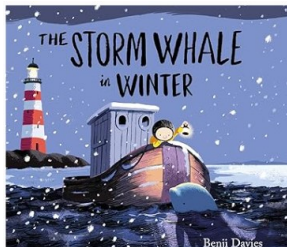


## Our Learning

Happy New Year 2026!

This half term our topic is 'Animals in Cold Places'. We will be learning about this through fiction and non-fiction books, exploring the winter weather and investigating lots of different polar animals. We will also begin to talk about how to look after our planet and how climate change is changing the habitats of 'Animals in Cold Places'.

## Books we will be sharing this half term...



## Communication and Language

We will use talk to help us work out problems and organise our thinking. We will learn to explain how things work and why they might happen.

We will practice holding a simple back and forth conversations, paying attention to adults and responding appropriately.

We will show attentive listening skills at Input times, e.g. during Phonics and be quick to act on instructions.

## Physical Development

We become secure in our holding of a pen or pencil and use it to write letters that are recognisable, as well as practising starting and finishing in the right place.

We will be getting changed for our weekly PE sessions and will learn about body position, balance and different movements.

## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

We learn about what it means to persevere, to meet our goals and how we can encourage others to do the same. We will be thinking about the jobs we might like to do when we are older.

## Literacy

We will continue to revisit all our phonemes and tricky words from the Autumn term.

We will begin to learn phase 3 diagraphs and trigraphs  
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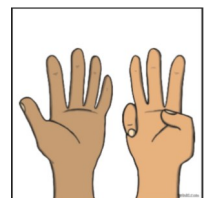
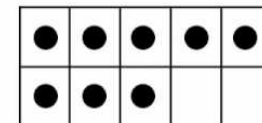
We will hold a simple sentence in our heads and use our phonics to be able to write it. We will continue to practise reading and writing CVC words and our tricky words.



## Mathematics

We learn to subitise to 10 and explore the composition of numbers to ten using ten-frames.

We practise automatically recalling number bonds to 10 and linking the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value to



## Understanding the World

We enjoy the winter weather by exploring frost and hopefully snow. We learn about the cold areas of the world, talk about what day and night look like there, learn about different polar animals and talk about how the world is changing for these animals.

## R.E.

We get to know Jesus by listening to the story of Mary taking Jesus to the temple, hearing that Jesus chose friends to help him, know that Jesus loves us and wants to help us and think of ways to show our love for Jesus. We will talk about when Jesus healed the man at the Pool of Bethesda.

**Catholic Social Teaching**  
Making the right choices.

## Expressive Arts and Design

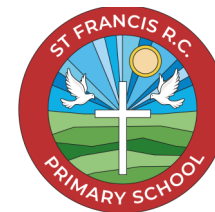
We listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing our feelings and responses. We will watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing our feelings and responses.

## How You Can Help

- Bring your child to school everyday on time.
- Share your child's learning from home by uploading images to Seesaw.
- Ensure your child uses a knife and fork when eating at home.
- Encourage your child to get dressed and undressed independently.
- Ensure your child is using the toilet independently at home and washing their hands thoroughly afterwards.
- Limit the amount of time your child spends on screens, including tablets and watching television. Spend time outdoors whatever the weather!
- Follow the school on X  @stfrancisgorton
- Listen to your child read every day as well as reading them a bedtime story every night.



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## What we are learning in Reception



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