



Reception - Spring 1

This half term, we will be covering 2 exciting themes: We will be learning about the four seasons and how they change. We will be finding out how animals prepare for the change in the seasons focusing on hibernation. We will be comparing the country we live in with Jamaica and exploring water pollution. Can you complete some of the learning challenges at home? We look forward to hearing about your home learning fun!

Seasons: Winter

- How does nature change in each season?
- What do animals do in each season?
- Which is your favourite season and why?



Contrasting Countries

- How is Jamaica different from our country?
- What is water pollution?
- How can we help the environment?



Key Words

seasons



What are the four **seasons**?

pollution



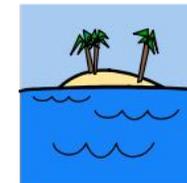
What is water **pollution**?

hibernation



How do animals prepare for **hibernation**?

island



What are the differences between the **island** we live on and the **island** of Jamaica?

Key Experiences

Going on a walk to the local park and looking at how the trees and plants have changed during autumn to winter.

Visit from Hackney Council recycling team.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be learning about the impact of littering on the environment and how we can recycle more to protect our environment.

Talk about how we can protect and look after our environment.

Physical Development

We will be developing our gross motor skills through a range of activities including running, skipping, hopping, jumping and climbing.

Take me to the park so I can develop my gross motor skills further.

Communication & Language

We will be using seasonally vocabulary correctly when talking about the seasons and how they change.

Use our topic related vocabulary when talking about my learning at home. Look at the Newsletter!

Literacy - Reading

We will be using our knowledge of letters and sounds to read simple words and sentences.

Watch the RWI videos at home and practise reading my reading book with me at home.



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Literacy - Writing

We will be making fact books about the seasons and creating water pollution posters.

Encourage me to use my sounds when writing words and sentences at home.

Maths

We will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers within 10. We will be talking about numbers that are greater than and less than and exploring odd and even numbers.

Help me to form numerals to 10 correctly.

Understanding the World

We will be making bird feeders for the birds during the winter and sorting recycling materials.

Talk about how we can help animals prepare for winter and find food.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be making pieces of artwork from recycled materials. We will be exploring different materials and medias.

Help me to recycle packaging to create a reuse item at home.