



## Planning Hot & Cold

- Making Ice sculptures and watch them melt
- Look at how snow is made and how snowflakes are all different
- Talk about different animals living in cold climates, such as polar bears and penguins
- Set up a Hot Chocolate Café
- Discuss how in different parts of the world it is not cold, such as Australia and New Zealand
- We will also look at different countries around the world and sample their cuisines. This is always a very popular topic!

There are some dates we will miss due to the half term. However, we will still cover them before we finish for the week.

- Chinese New Year – 10<sup>th</sup> February Year of the Dragon
- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) – 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Valentine's Day – 14<sup>th</sup> February

## Lunches

Please can we remind parents not to put sweets in your child's lunches. We do try to promote healthy eating and encourage parents to provide healthy options. Although it may be tempting to put in a little treat after receiving so many at Christmas, however we would strongly advise against this. It can make it hard for the other children who may have not had a treat put in their packed lunch.

## Dates for your diary Half Term

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**School Application Closing Date**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you for all your Christmas cards and gifts. We are very grateful and hope you all had a nice Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

## School Applications

Please do not forget to apply for your child's school place by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. You can email them at:

[school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk)

## National Storytelling Week – 27<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February

Storytelling can be a magical experience and the flexibility of making up your own stories can even allow us to personalise our stories to include our children's favourite toy or person for example or even the child themselves. You don't always need a book to tell a story!

## Come and read a story!

If any parents/carers/grandparents would like to come in and read the children a story, you are more than welcome to do so. The children find it very exciting having new people in to read to them and share stories with. Storytime is at 11.30am and 2.30pm daily. If you would like to come in, please just let a member of staff know.

Many Thanks

Becky, Rhona, Megan, Helen, Angela, Stacey and Innes.