

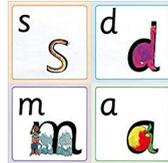
## Reception

Sapphires  
Rubies



We are now well underway with Phonics. The children are enjoying learning a new sound each day.

Letter formation has already improved greatly and it is lovely to see the children enjoying their new learning!



Please read as often as you can at home as this will really help your child to apply the skills learnt in class and further develop their reading skills.

## Work with Number and Shape

In Number, we will be focusing on 'careful counting'.  
*How many spots can you see on the leopard?*

We will be exploring patterns and shapes in African Art.



## Physical Development

We will be exploring how different animals move.

*Can you dance like a penguin?*

*Can you leap like a leopard?*



# Spring 1 Topic News

## WHAT'S IT LIKE FAR AWAY?

### Creative Development

We will be exploring texture and icy tones with winter landscapes.

We will be using different materials and fabrics to create our own junk model penguins.

### Understanding of the World

Antarctica versus Huddersfield...which one is better and why?

We will also be exploring Ghana in Africa, thinking about similarities and differences between where we live and there.

If you have any pictures of friends or family in 'hot' or 'cold' places that we could share with children, please send them in!

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The themes of loneliness, friendship, identity and belonging are key this half term.

The children will be asked to think about the following:

*What makes you feel sad or lonely?*

*How can you help someone who is feeling sad or lonely?*

*Is it good to be different?*



### Author of the term

Each half term we will be focusing on a popular children's author, this term it is

Jill Murphy.

### Literacy

We will be doing lots of drama and role-play to understand the themes of our two new story books. Some opportunities for writing:

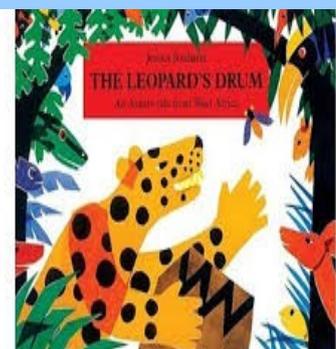
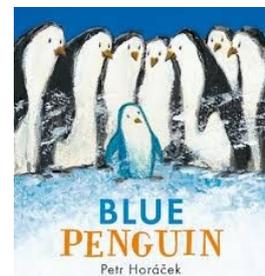
*Creating a passport*

*Creating a plane ticket*

*Labelling animals*

*Animal information sheets*

*Writing a message to the penguin*



### Home Learning

#### Ideas for Home Learning...

Research Antarctica and Ghana in Africa on the Internet. How are these places different from Rawthorpe?

Can you learn some new facts about penguins and Leopards to share with your friends— maybe create a fact file of what you know.