

## FS1 CURRICULUM NEWS SPRING 1 2024

### Theme: Hot and Cold Places

Topmarks website – scan the QR code to play  
Monster shapes

Children will explore the environment around them also looking at seasonal changes. They will be learning about hot and cold places. They will learn the names of different animals, their characteristics and their habitats. We will be focusing on penguins when we learn about Antarctica and Winter, and we will look at African animals through the story of Handa's Surprise.

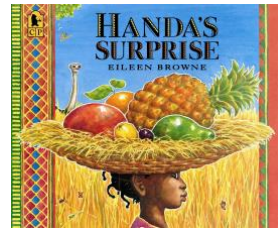
#### **Words to learn this half term:**

Winter, cold, freezing, penguin, waddle, flip, beak, wing, flipper, glide, ice, frost, snow, frozen, melt, icicles, Iceberg, below, Africa, hot, giraffe, elephant, ostrich, monkey, zebra, parrot, goat

#### Stories

During the half term many of the activities and learning experiences offered will be focussed around some of the following stories:

I Can't can Fly  
Brave Little Penguin  
5 Little Penguins  
Handa's Surprise  
Giraffe's Can't Dance



This half term we will be developing number and counting skills; recognising numbers to 5, counting out of a group and using 1:1 correspondence when counting. For example, there are 5 oranges, your child will touch each one as they count and find out how many there are. We will continue to subitise to 3 and say how many there are without counting. We will also begin to look at different ways to make 5. We will explore 2D shapes, naming them and describing them.

#### Songs and Rhymes

Children love to sing and dance. Please watch the video below and encourage your child to dance and join with the actions and words.

## Penguin Dance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKmkwnKs>

#### Useful Apps/ Websites/ Educational Programmes



BBC iPlayer - Andy's Wild Adventures

[www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01cbmy4/andys-wild-adventures-series-1-1-emperor-penguins](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01cbmy4/andys-wild-adventures-series-1-1-emperor-penguins)



#### Please remember to:

- Bring your book bag every day.
- Write your **child's name** inside all of their uniform.
- Bring a warm coat, hat and scarf to school, as the weather is starting to get colder.
- Ensure your child has spare clothes in school for any little accidents!
- Have a look at our school website for the school holiday list and other useful information [www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk)
- Home learning is given out every Friday and your child gets a sticker for completing it.
- PE is on a Friday. Please send your child into school that day wearing black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms, a white t shirt, school sweatshirt and trainers. **Earrings must be removed.**
- **On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February Nursery and Reception will be taking part in an African drumming workshop as part of their topic about Africa.**