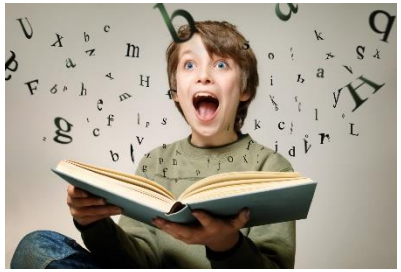
Role-play We will be having a new Arctic Role-play area. This will help to further develop the children's knowledge and understanding of what it would be like in the Arctic. Children will be able to develop their language by retelling stories and sharing information through their play. This area will develop this as we find out more about life in the arctic. 	Reading with your child is proven to be one of the most beneficial things you can do at home to improve their learning. Please continue to read at least 3 times per week with your child and share plenty books together at bedtime. 	**English** We will be exploring lots of different non-fiction books and stories, including: - Lost and Found - The Polar Bear and the Snow cloud - Cuddly Dudley If you have any favourite Winter books at home, please bring them in – we would love to share them with the class!
Understanding the World We will be observing and talking about the Winter; seasonal changes, exploring what happens when water freezes and when ice melts. We will be having lots of ice in our water tray and hopefully will get to explore some snow too!! We will also learn about animals that live in cold places.	# Winter and Cold Places	**Maths** We will continue to develop our number skills in the indoor and outside environment. We will be recognising numbers, counting carefully forwards and backwards, measuring and looking at shapes and patterns. We will also be using the language to describe prepositions, e.g. next to, behind, under etc.
Now Winter is fully upon us, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather – hat, gloves, wellies and coat. We like to make the most of outdoor learning! 	Welcome back and happy new year! We are ready for a new term full of exciting learning opportunities and activities. Remember that you can always come to chat to us if you are worried or have any questions about anything.	Family Fridays will be held on the last Friday of each month. Please join us to play with your child, explore their classroom and share their learning journeys with them.