

In Bumble Bee Class, our topic this term has been 'Wonderful Weather'. We have loved exploring our topic through the great outdoors, and through a number of wonderful stories.

We started the term with the story 'One Snowy Night', from the Percy the Park Keeper collection. We had a lot of fun breaking the story down and working on our comprehension skills. We discussed how we knew it was winter in the story, and how Percy and the animals felt throughout. Year 1 enjoyed using their knowledge of adjectives to write riddles about the animals. We also took our learning outside and explored the habitats that we thought the animals from the story might live in around our school field. We also made collages (like Eric Carle) of animals from the story.



This term we have also used the story of 'Noah's Ark', and we've particularly enjoyed the illustrations in the Lucy Cousins version. During story time we also looked at a number of stories based on the ark, including 'Monkey Business' and 'All Afloat on Noah's Boat'. We used these stories to help us predict some of the funny things that could have happened on the boat, and Year 1 wrote a diary entry about it. Reception have been building their writing skills, beginning to use their newly learnt phase 3 sounds when writing words and sentences.

Our final story for this half term was 'Blown Away' by Rob Biddulph. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary from this story and made a story map to help us to retell it.

In science this half term we have been learning about the weather, and about living things and their habitats. We are experts on mammals, reptiles and birds, and we know where animals live.



We have also loved PE this term, covering gymnastics! We have practised rolls, mirror balances, counter balances, jumps, and climbing using the apparatus. Our favourite is the monkey bars!



During Forest School this term we have used the book 'Stick Man', by Julia Donaldson. We have freed Stick Man from the solid ice, found our own stick man friend, shown him our lovely school, played with him and his friends, and made him some clothes to keep nice and warm!

