

# Rainbow Stop Playgroup Newsletter

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## January

### Theme:

Our theme this month will be Winter and Arctic animals, we will be learning all about the different animals that live in the Arctic who like the cold weather, as well as exploring the different types of weather we have and how to keep ourselves warm and safe during frosty and icy weather.

### Birthdays:

We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to Arminas and Lucy.

### Raffle:

We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes, sold and bought raffle tickets for our Christmas fundraiser. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

### Thank you:

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the Christmas presents for staff, they were much appreciated and very thoughtful. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break.

### Staff:

We have recruited a new member of staff, Joanna who started just before Christmas will be working mainly in the morning session but she will help out with both sessions. We would also like to welcome Julie back after her Maternity leave this month.

### Open Afternoon:

We will be holding an open afternoon on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January between 4pm-5pm

### Pre-School Education Programme:

The application process for the Pre-School Education Programme and Primary One Admissions for September 2024-2025 school year will be open **from 9<sup>th</sup> January and closes (12 noon) 26<sup>th</sup> January**. This applies to children born between 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. If you know of anyone who falls into this category and would like to send their child/ren to playgroup, please let them know.

Part time application forms for younger children can be collected from the playgroup or downloaded from the website for any children in their penultimate year.

**Sing a song of Winter**

(In the tune of Sing a song of Sixpence)  
Sing a song of winter, frost is in the air;  
Sing a song of winter, snowflakes everywhere.  
Sing a song of winter, hear the sleigh bells chime,  
Can you think of anything as nice as wintertime?

**Icy Toes**

**(In the tune of Jingle Bells)**

Icy toes, Chilly nose,  
Wintertime is here.  
My teeth Chatter,  
What's the matter?  
Wintertime is here, Oh!  
Icy toes, Chilly nose,  
Wintertime is here.  
My teeth chatter,  
What's the matter?  
Wintertime is here.

**Little Red Nose**

Where did you get that little red nose? (point to nose)  
Jack frost kissed it I suppose (kissing noise)  
He kissed it once ( hold up one finger)  
And he kissed it twice ( hold up 2 fingers)  
Poor little nose is cold as ice! (pretend to shiver)

**Five Little Eskimos**

Five little Eskimos by the igloo door.  
One went out to feed the dogs, then there were four.  
Four little Eskimos rowing out to sea,  
One jumped on an iceberg, then there were three.  
Three little Eskimos making fish stew,  
One burned his finger, then there were two.  
Two little Eskimos hunting for fun,  
One chased a baby seal, then there was one.  
One little Eskimo all his work done,  
Went home to supper, then there were none.