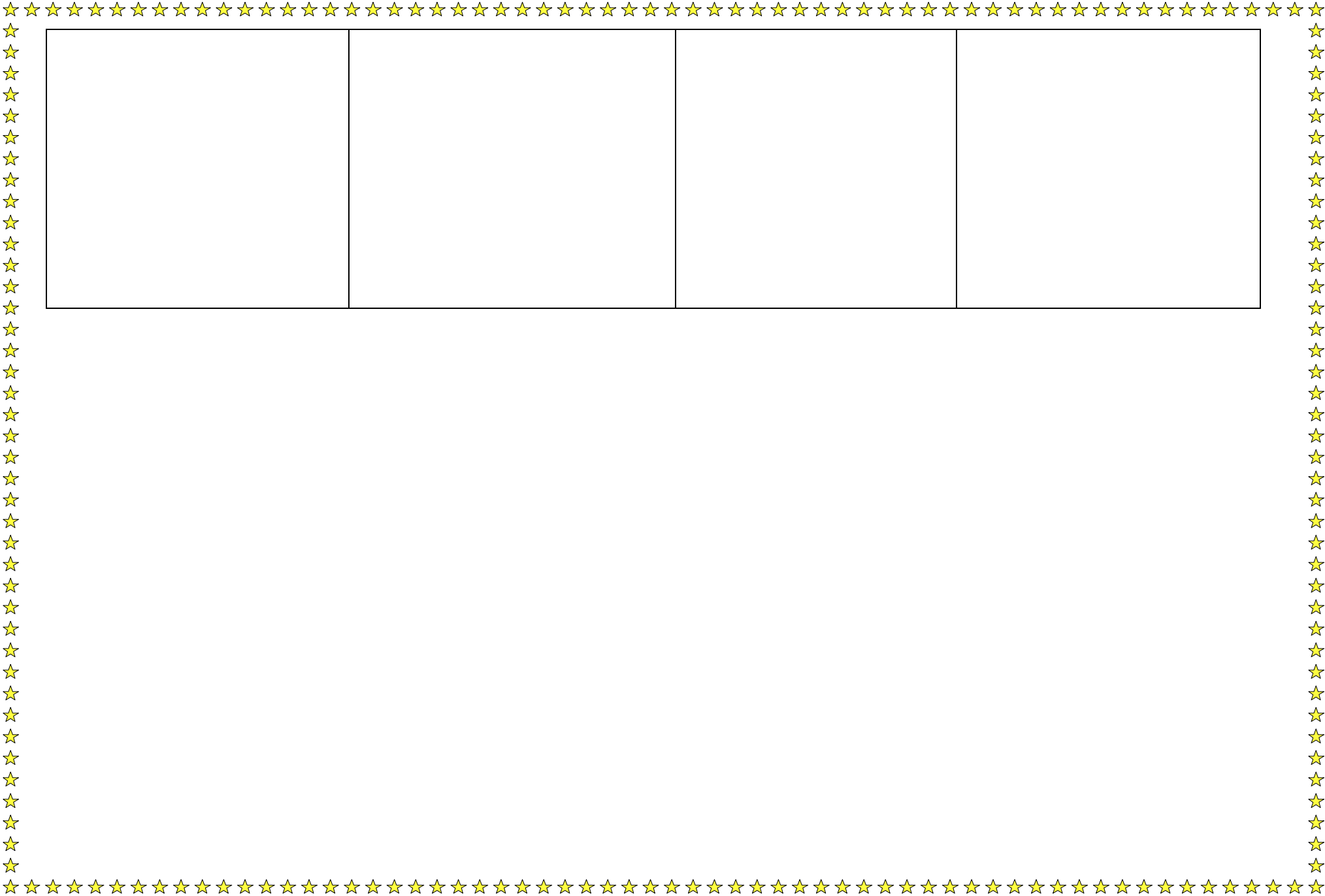


THE FOUNDATION STAGE
(Later Foundation Stage – Reception)

How to help your child during the next 5 weeks
SPRING Term 1: Focus – Winter and Polar regions

Personal social and emotional development	Communication and language	Physical development	
<p>Help your child to show concern and respect for others, living things and the environment. Encourage your child to tidy away their toys at home.</p> <p>Encourage your child to think about issues from the viewpoint of others.</p> <p>Recognising and enjoying children’s success with them is important as it will help them to feel confident.</p> <p>We always love to hear about ‘WOW’ moments; remember to collect a ‘WOW’ sheet for us to share as it is a lovely home/school link.</p>	<p>Make up stories with your child using toys as story props. Talk about the beginning, middle and end of the story.</p> <p>Talk about what season it is, what we need to wear and how each season is different.</p> <p>Help your child find some information about the polar regions and the changing seasons in books and on the internet.</p>	<p>We shall be having lots of discussions about healthy eating and the importance of exercise, it would really help if you can reinforce this at home.</p> <p>Encourage your child to use a knife and fork. This is a very important skill and really does increase writing skills.</p> <p>Please check that all items of clothing are named and encourage the children to dress independently, it will really help your child gain independence .</p>	
Reading and Writing	Mathematics	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
<p>Remember to take time to share books and continue to write in the yellow record book. We enjoy your feedback.</p> <p>Encourage your child to have a try at using their phonic knowledge to sound out a word.</p> <p>During this term the children will bring home ditty sentences to read, together with a ‘word detective’ book. Please spend some time reading these together.</p>	<p>Discuss and compare the height and weight of objects. Estimate which objects are the tallest or the heaviest.</p> <p>Look out for patterns and shapes within the environment.</p> <p>During practical activities discuss doubling, halving and sharing.</p> <p>Look at numerals in the environment and help your children recognize and order number up to 20 and beyond.</p>	<p>Find out about Chinese New Year by using the internet or information books. Discuss with the child the changes they see around them – seasons, weather, plants etc.</p> <p>Encourage your child to ask questions about the world around them. <u>R.E.</u> We shall be reading some of the stories which Jesus told. You can help your child by explaining that Jesus told wonderful stories and they are written in the bible.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to describe and compare the textures of things.</p> <p>Talk to your child about what they are trying to achieve and encourage their creative process.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remember we love to see any creations that your child makes at home!</p>



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