

In Spring 1, Year 3 are reading the *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells and the poem 'The Winter Wolves are Coming' by Tim Vallie.


























The *Ice Palace* is about a boy called Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold, to go on a quest to find him.

We will explore how the author uses **figurative language** in the story, such as **similes** and **metaphors** to describe the setting and characters, create mood, feeling, and hook the reader in. We will develop our understanding of **figurative language** by writing our own **adventure narrative**. We will continue to build on our understanding of story language and use **dialogue**, **noun phrases**, **adjectives**, **adverbs** and **adverbials** in our writing.

It will be helpful for your child to have access to this book during the half term break and can start reading the story. **Remember to read daily with your child!**

Please read the word mat with key vocabulary that we will be using next term. On the back is a copy of 'The Winter Wolves are Coming'.

## Ice Palace

People & Animals		Setting			
Ivan 	Starjik 	forest 	village 	palace 	cave 
Little brother 	villagers 	snow 	snowflake 	ice 	snowdrift 
wolf/ wolves 	snowy owl 	frozen <i>adjective</i> 	icicles 	icy <i>adjective</i> 	avalanche 
bear 		winter 	summer 	sled 	branch 
		parka 	fiddle 		

# **The Winter Wolves Are Coming**

**The Winter Wolves are coming  
They are drawing ever near  
The Winter Wolves are coming  
They smell our blood, our fear**

**The Winter Wolves are coming  
In packs of hundreds and more  
The Winter Wolves are coming  
They are knocking at our door**

**The Winter Wolves are coming  
With teeth as sharp as knives  
The Winter Wolves are coming  
They mean to take our lives**

**The Winter wolves are coming  
The smell our blood, our fear  
The Winter Wolves are coming  
The Cold of Death is here.**

***Tim Vallie***