

What is happening in Reception this week?

16th January 2023

Literacy



Fred Talk



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We will be using a story map to retell our own version of the story of 'Mr Wolf's Week', practising saying the days of the week and the different types of weather. We have also listened to, and talked about the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. This is a story about a little boy and a lost penguin. The children will be developing their comprehension skills by exploring and talking about the characters in the book.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, reading words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words, some of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 13 and count 13 objects. We will continue to explore how numbers are made of smaller numbers. We will link this to addition and explore how we can record this.

We will explore some directional language, linking it to our topic work on cold environments - South Pole and North Pole.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic, exploring different environments and comparing them to ours in Winter. This week we will look at cold environments, like the tops of high mountains and the Poles (Arctica and Antarctica). We will look at pictures to find out what plants and animals we can see, like penguins and polar bears. The weather there is very cold, snowy and icy. We will look at snowy, winter landscape paintings and try to paint one using winter colours. We will be exploring opposites, like hot and cold, top and bottom, freeze and melt.



This week, we have parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't booked and appointment yet, could you please make one for Thursday.

We have a Family Learning session this Friday 20th January, making busy bags. Please come and join us, working with your child. If you haven't signed up, there is still time.

Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves - all named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. The children have not been outside as much as usual as we are waiting for our shelter to be fixed following some wind damage.

We have sent home some passwords for your child to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.

We think the mystery of the missing puzzle pieces may have been solved! Children remember putting pieces in Christmas stockings as gifts. Hopefully, they will be there when we look!

How can you help at home?

Some children are still finding oral blending a challenge so please practise this with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then please extend them to 4 to help them progress in their reading, even when they are reading words. They will be moving to reading 4-sound words and need to be able to orally blend these first. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words and/or books.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one.

Ten town will give your child access to all the stories and songs for numbers 0-12 and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers. You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.
We hope you all have a lovely week!