

What is happening in Reception this week?

15th January 2023

Literacy



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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 will also listen to, and talk 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.

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.



Messages

Last week, the children had a lovely time exploring the environment in winter on their 'Winter Walk'. It was very cold outside so they also enjoyed the hot chocolate and home made biscuits they had back in class.

The weather is cold so 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.

Most of the children have returned their PE kits to school - thank you! We still have a few that need to be brought to school. Please could these be done by next Friday.

On PE days, please remember to remove earrings. If they are too new to remove, please could they be taped up. All earrings worn to school, should be small stud earrings.

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. 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.

You can 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.



Our 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!