



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Dear Parents,

### **Frozen Planet**



What an exciting and inspiring week. The children have been really intrigued by the construction of our new outdoor sand world area and closely observed and questioned Aidy and Stuart from 'Cool Canvas'. They have enjoyed sanding log slices with sand paper so that they are smooth and exploring the tools in our investigation area. They have also created chalk pastel 'Northern Lights' pictures in our creative area using wavy stencils and snowflake gems.



### **Literacy**

This week, we have created our very own class book about our topic. The children decided to call it 'Ice Planet'! At the beginning of the week, we read a factual book and looked specifically at the title page, contents, facts, images and page numbers. We also learnt about the role of the 'author' and 'illustrator'. All the children contributed by drawing pictures, finding out facts from books and writing magnificent sentences about the 'aurora borealis', icebergs and arctic animals such as snow leopards and penguins to name a few! The children are now using a cursive script more consistently in their writing and forming sounds correctly. We are learning to build simple sentences and apply our phonic knowledge to segment the sounds in each word. Once we have completed the final version of the book, it will be available to view at our Friday Library.



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## Maths



In Maths, we are learning to count accurately so that we can play a counting game with the Arctic Explorer. On Wednesday, the children joined Aidy and Stuart from cool canvas to help transfer the sand from the giant sand bags into our newly constructed sand world area. The children were able to help organise themselves into 6 equal groups around the sand bags and then share the spades so that it was fair / equal. The children thought it would be an excellent idea if they all had 2 scoops then passed the spade to the next person. Fantastic teamwork, problem solving and perseverance skills.

## PE

In PE, we used chiffon scarves to create a Northern lights dance. The children developed their movement vocabulary using the music to swirl, sweep and extend their arms to create the 'dance of the sky'.



## Baking

On Tuesday, 6 of our children baked a fabulous 'Northern Lights' cake for the whole class to enjoy for our afternoon snack. They used a variety of food colouring within the cake mixture and then swirled the colouring into the icing. It tasted absolutely delicious.

## Home Learning

Please support your child to complete the Action word homework in the blue book. Last week our records show that 85% of children completed their homework. We are striving for 100% this week! If your child has received a reading book, please encourage them to read it every night and comment in the reading diary provided in your child's reading folder.

## Reminders

Please can I ask that your child leaves personal items including toys, dolls and teddies at home. Should your child need a specific item, for example for a show and tell activity or project, I shall notify you by text / e-mail. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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Next week, we will be visiting St Anne's church on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you complete the permission slip at the bottom of the letter. Thank you to everyone that's volunteered to help on this trip.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex

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