

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Dear Parents,

### Frozen Planet



We began our new topic 'Frozen Planet' by sharing 'The Snow Bears' story this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new provision areas which has also sparked many inquisitive conversations and provoked interest in Arctic animals and their environment. The children particularly cherished creating 'snow' from shaving foam and corn flour in our malleable area. The children thought it felt sticky and soft! They also created snow caves, ice dens and ice palaces using the snow and ice crystals. Many of our children used a variety of mixed media such as cotton wool and

glittery paint to create polar bears and igloos as well as design giant snowflakes.



We have been continuing to follow the children's fascination with



rolling and movement by using the large tyres and reels and rolling them to our friends. The children had such fun predicting where they would roll to and even designed their own tyre rolling obstacle course.

You will have noticed that we have started to create our outdoor igloo role-play area from milk cartons. Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated them so far. Please would you continue to bring them in next week so we can finish preparing the whole structure.



### **Maths**

In Maths, we are learning to halve and share so that Mummy bear can share her hot toast with her baby bears (just like in the story). We have

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been practising saying 'one for you and one for you' then counting how many to check that it is fair / equal. Today, the children looked at halving and then cut the toast in half for snack so they could share it with their friend.

## PE

In PE, we practised moving our bodies using our topic as inspiration. They thought the polar bear walk and Orca wave were extremely funny! At the end of the session, we waddled like a penguin by squeezing a ball between our knees! We were so impressed at the children's concentration and perseverance with this!



Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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