

Friday 8th February 2019.

Dear Parents,

The Emperor's Egg

On Monday, we shared a story, 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins and talked about how the male and female Emperor Penguins take turns to care for the egg / chick. We have been exploiting our caring learner trait this week, linking to this aspect of the story. During the week, we have used florescent powder paints to create the Northern



Lights, explored colourful icy water and created penguin themed models. We have also enjoyed magnetic fishing in our indoor hut as well as writing our own number sentences!

In PE yesterday, we had such fun balancing, sliding, stepping and jumping on the small apparatus such as the benches and box. Our new sand world area officially opened this week. The children have been digging and mixing the sand, hunting for arctic animals, pumping water through the tubing and collecting it to form a river. They have also been



using the wooden logs to build a bridge over the river! What amazing team work and imagination.

Literacy

This week, we began our handwriting sessions. These take place after lunchtime where the children learn how to write / name capital letters and lower case letters of the alphabet. We are so proud of the children's perseverance with their letter formation and use of the cursive script. Every Friday, we have an 'Action Word Party'. In this session, children review Action words and play fun games to help them remember how to read and write the Action words (1.1-1.9).

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This week, our brand new reading books have been issued to all children according to their reading ability. These should be kept with the green reading diary in the clear plastic folder and brought to School every day. Please support your child to read regularly at home and sign and or comment in the reading diary. This really does help us monitor your child's progress and I know the children love to show off their reading skills.



Maths

In Maths, we are learning to use Numicon so that we can count out the fish for Poppy the Penguin chick. The children have played Numicon relay games and used Numicon and objects to help read and write number sentences.

Cannon Hall Farm Trip

We will be visiting Cannon Hall Farm on **Monday 4th March 2019** after the half term holidays. Please see the letter in your child's book bag for more information and return the permission slip provided at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

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