



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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 just like marshmallows! The children have also enjoyed the



Arctic small world area and building intricate structures using a variety of loose parts and different shaped materials in the construction area. Throughout the week, the children also treasured devising their own snowball themed rolling, kicking and throwing games on the playground area. They created their own rules and systems then recorded the score by counting out cubes every time the ball landed in the red / blue crate. During the rest of the week, the children have painted tyres white to create Arctic Ice holes so that they could fish and painted wonderful pictures on black paper using glittery white and blue paint.

### **Literacy**

This week, we have been focussing on our beautiful writing using a cursive script and using special 'snow filled Fred Finger gloves' to help spell simple words. The children loved using the snow fingers to count and pinch the sounds onto each finger before writing the word. In Read Write Inc. Phonics we are concentrating on the fluency of reading and recognition of 'special friend' sounds. Please support your child by reviewing the sounds in your packs on a regular basis.



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## 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 our shared story). We have been practising saying 'one for you and one for you' then counting how many to check that it is fair / equal. Yesterday, the children focussed on the concept of halving and then we cut the toast in half so that they could share it with their friend for a special afternoon snack!



## PE

In PE, we practised our rolling and throwing skills with our talking partner so that we could play a game of snowball rolling at the end of the session. The children scored points for keeping the snowball on the bench. Next week, we will be playing a variety of snowball themed games and increasing our fundamental movement skills using Polar animals as our stimulus.



## Donations

We would like donations of 2 litre plastic bottles for our outdoor role-play area hut. We are using the plastic bottles to line the open sides of the hut for additional protection from the elements and to create a stimulating space for the children to play and learn. Thankyou in advance for your kind donations.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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