



Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Frozen Planet



On Monday, we shared a wonderful book 'The Great Explorer' to continue our learning on Frozen Planet and to further explore the children's interests and lines of enquiry. Throughout the week, the children have created interesting 'hot and cold' collages and been immersed in role-play using maps and compasses to navigate and build fires to keep them warm. The children were fascinated with Mrs Sellars Ice skates! They took it in turns to try them on and help one another balance! It was great to see such enjoyment on the children's faces.

Afterwards, some of the children used exceptional problem solving skills to create their own wooden ice skates, binding them to their feet. Each pair of Ice skates were allocated a different size so that they would be a suitable fit for everyone. During the remainder of the week, we have constructed snow houses, igloos, boats and ice bergs using 'ice blocks' as well as listened to audio books on the stereo in the reading area. They have been particularly interested in using the head phones! Next



week, we will be going on our very own Arctic expedition to the whole school outdoor learning area and creating lists of essential items to take in our back packs. **With this in mind, please would you send your child with a suitable rucksack and warm outdoor clothing on Friday 24th January.**

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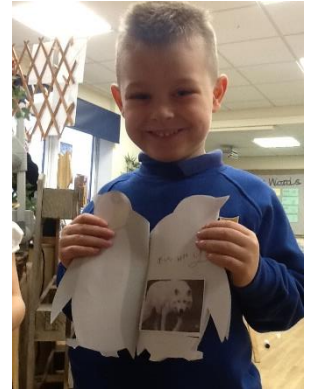
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Literacy

This week, the children have created wonderful Polar Bear and Penguin themed booklets. They have carefully selected 'Frozen Planet' images for their booklets and labelled each one using their Fred Fingers and phonic knowledge to spell words. Some of our children are now writing beautiful sentences and challenging themselves to write multi syllabic words and using adventurous vocabulary. Our focus this week has been on developing the children's independence and confidence at writing.



Maths



In Maths, we are learning to recognise and order numbers up to 20 so that we can build an igloo for the visiting arctic explorer. On Wednesday and Thursday, the children played games of bingo with their friends and developed games of their own based on their own interests and fascinations. The children have shown excellent concentration and turn taking throughout. We can't wait to build on this further next week.



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,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Miss Belford and Mrs Rex.

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