

Friday 24th January 2020.

Dear Parents,

Frozen Planet

This week, we have been preparing for our expedition, developing narratives, building boats and enjoyed following our own interests and lines of enquiry. Many of our children are beginning to set their own challenges during child initiated sessions. On Monday, they thought it would be an excellent idea to channel the water all the way from the water tray across the playground to the sand world. This involved team work, problem solving, dexterity and mathematical exploration. On Wednesday, the children were so excited to investigate



our new outdoor maths area. They particularly enjoyed lifting the tyres onto the broom stick handles, counting and sorting objects as well as recording their observations on the chalk boards. We can't wait until it is fully completed! On Tuesday, Miss Brook took the children for an exciting penguin themed PE session and on Thursday, we made chocolate chip biscuits to eat around the camp fire.

Next week, we are going to share a factual book to develop our knowledge and understanding of our Frozen Planet.



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Literacy

This week, the children have written lists of essential items that they will need to pack for their outdoor expedition including binoculars, a map, compass, water bottle, tent and a sleeping bag! They have also been drawing maps and labelling their work in the construction and outdoor areas of provision. We are extremely pleased with the children's progress in reading this term.

Your child received a book suitable for their reading ability together with a reading diary in their reading folders this week. Please comment and sign when your child had read at home. We aim to change books once a week at school and encourage regular reading at home. This can be a combination of Action Word games, reading activities contained within the Read Write Inc. Phonics parents pack or reading book. Your child will be given a raffle ticket each time they read at home to be entered into a special reading draw held every Friday during Special Mention Assembly.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning to count objects from a larger group so that we can accurately count the fish for the Arctic Explorer. The children decided that we should count slowly, one at a time for accuracy. Next week, we will be continuing to look at number representation in greater detail.



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

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stimulating space for the children to play and learn. Thankyou in advance for your kind donations.

We also would like donations of yoghurt pots, small boxes and kitchen roll tubes to replenish our stocks.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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

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