

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2020



Reception

This week in Reception, we have continued our Arctic topic with the children learning all about the Northern Lights. We used a mixture of wax and watercolours to create our own paintings and interpretations. These are on display in our art gallery. We also combined many different white media to create our own snow scenes. Wednesday saw us take part in our third science day based around our topic. We became scientists for the day, took part in lots of different experiments, and made predictions. We talked about making solids into liquid and vice versa throughout the day. We made our own ice pops by combining fruit juices to create our flavours and then freezing them; we turned solids into liquid by melting chocolate in lots of different places and had to predict which would be the quickest. Our favourite was melting chocolate in our hands! We also tried melting ice cubes in a variety of substances to see if we could speed up the melting process, we used warm water, cold water, sugar, salt and sand. Finally, we learnt how blubber keeps animals warm in the arctic, by placing layers around our hands before putting them in ice water. The children are so enthusiastic during these experiments and ask so many questions it is wonderful. In our maths sessions we have been looking at representing data and teaching the children how to represent using a tally system. In PE this term we will be focussing on different styles of dance.

From next week and for the remainder of this term Mr Partridge who is completing his teacher training will also join us in the Foundation Stage.

Reminders!

All children must have water bottles in school please.

Trip

Letters will be sent out very soon with all the information you will need.

Pre-School

We continued with Snow and Ice topic where the children have experimented lots with ice! We have painted with ice and attempted to mark make with ice. We looked at a PowerPoint all about Antarctica. The children found it very interesting to find out the differences between Antarctica and England. We saw it was very cold in Antarctica. We even went on to find out about Icebergs. We watched YouTube videos on how ice bergs are made and how they also disappear.

Finally, we went to the hall this week to show the new children what we do! We listened to our favourite CD Sticky Kids. This is where we listen to familiar nursery rhymes and also join in with new action songs. We have to use our listening ears and looking eyes!

Wrap Around

This week in Wrap Around we have been testing our balancing skills. We used our Step A Forest which is our obstacle course. We attempted to balance, firstly with our arms down by outside then with our arms out. We learnt that holding our arms out helps you balance! Another activity we took part in this week is Dough Disco! All the children have a part of playdough whilst listening to music. We then have to use our finger muscles to follow different instructions for example roll it in to a ball, a sausage, or squeeze it as hard as you can!

Reminders: If your child does not stop for dinner, they do not need a bottle in school due to them having access to café all morning and afternoon. Many Thanks. Unfortunately, spare clothes are running extremely low. Please ensure if your child has been sent home in spare clothes that you return them ASAP. Donations of spare clothes appreciated. Also please make sure your child has wellies in school. Even though the weather is changing, we are still having fun learning outside!