

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020



Reception

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! The children have all returned to school full of stories about their celebrations and we have spent time sharing these with each other and discussing the similarities and differences between our celebrations. This is always a very busy term with lots of exciting learning opportunities, trips and visitors to school planned. Our first topic this half term is 'Polar Life'. We will be looking at the habitat and comparing it to our own. We will explore the animals and people that live there and how they adapt their lifestyles to survive. We will be sharing the story of 'The Penguin Who Learned to Swim' in our Talk for Writing sessions and the children will be using non-fiction texts to inform their writing this term. In our maths sessions this week we have been exploring 3D shapes and talking about their properties. We even completed some experiments to find out which of our shapes rolled. This term we will be encouraging the children to write more independently, they can try this at home writing cards, shopping lists, letters etc. Ask them to write words, then use their robot arms to chop up the words writing down each sound as they hear it. Don't worry they won't hear all of the sounds! Make sure they use their sound mat from the resource pack to help them. Catherine from Dudley Performing Arts is also back this half term and we will be learning how to keep a steady beat when playing a variety of different musical instruments.

Magazines

If your child has magazines/comics at home they have finished with please send them into school, we would love to add them to our reading area.

Reminders

PE is on a Thursday; earrings must be removed.

Children must have a water bottle in school every day.

Please ensure trip letters have been returned. Thank You

Pre-School

Welcome back to all our children in Pre-School and a special welcome to all of our new children who have started with us this week! It has already been a busy week. We have been talking about how to welcome the new children by showing them where things are such as the toilet and café. All the children have been really kind and shared all of our toys too. Finally, we have been teaching the children new Nursery Rhymes such as 'Bubble Bubble Pop' and 'Lollipop'.

Our Topic this week we have started to talk about Snow and Ice. As it is Winter now, we have been discussing what changed outside in Winter. Next week, we will also be designing our own gloves, hats and scarves to go on our Winter Display Board!

Wrap Around

This week in Wrap Around we have been identifying simple shapes. Miss Parkes hid simple shapes in some 'snow' and we had to find them. We were then challenged to then see if we could draw the shape we had found! We have also been working with our friends to complete puzzles, discussing the picture we had made. Finally, we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Best of Friends', with new children starting, we discussed how we can be good and kind to them.

Reminders:

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!