



Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas. The children in Reception have come back to school so eager to learn!

Reception News

Our new topic this term is called Frozen Planet. This has really inspired the children, especially in our role-play areas to imagine life within the Ice Palace and explore the animals from the Outdoor 'Hide'. Many of the children have built igloos and palaces within the construction area and examined the animals in the small world area finding out facts and using this information to imagine how the animals live.

Mathematical Development

In Maths, we have concentrated our learning on the story of the 'Snow Bears'. The children have enjoyed solving mathematical problems for Mummy Bear so that she can share and halve the toast between her baby bears and penguin visitors. On Thursday, some of the children made toast at snack time counting accurately and halving the toast for all the children in their key worker groups.

Literacy / Phonics

Our focus this week has been on re-telling the story of the snow bears by creating a 'story map' and labelling these maps with key words and phrases from the story. It has been wonderful to hear all the fantastic ideas and interpretations of the snow bears story.

PE

The children created a fabulous penguin dance using white ribbons after watching a short clip of the film 'Happy Feet'. The children copied a range of actions and developed these to perform to the beat of the music. Children also used their maths knowledge to play the Penguin Iceberg challenge game. What a great team effort!

Cool Milk

If your child has turned five, they are eligible for milk. Please log into the link here and register your child's details

https://customers.coolmilk.com/manage/Parent_Child_Registration.php

Update on Miss Ashton

We wanted to give you all an update on Miss Ashton; she is doing much better and would like to pass on her thanks for the very kind presents and cards given to her. She was really taken aback that you had thought of her. We are hoping in the coming weeks that Miss Ashton will be starting to make a phased return into class. In the meantime, Mrs Burrows will continue to maintain the excellent standard of learning and expectations. If Miss Ashton is not back in the next couple of weeks, we will be organising a parents evening to meet with the Reception team regardless.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Swinburne, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars & Miss Belford