



Friday 3rd February

Dear Parents

Reception News

The Snow Queen

This week we have focused our learning on the Snow Queen book. The children have been particularly interested in the power of the angels in the story to banish the guards surrounding the Snow Queen's Palace. They have found it fascinating to discuss the powers they would like to have at the Ice Palace on our Frozen Planet. Some of the children thought it would be an excellent idea to have 'melting' powers. The children have been discussing what the Snow Queen looks like and how she is mean to the boy in the story.



Mathematical Development

In Maths, we have been measuring how far the animals live from Erik the Explorer's base camp in a variety of different ways. For example using rulers and actions. We have extended this learning into PE by learning how to perform tuck jumps, stretch jumps and star jumps so that we can accurately measure how far it is to the animals in our Frozen Planet. The children have started to record this information on a simple map with arrows and numbers to indicate how many jumps they took.



Creative Development

The children have been learning how to paint pictures of the Snow Queen using powder paints and have completed a team challenge to construct and paint an Ice Palace to use in our small world areas. This has been an excellent tool to focus on our responsibility and perseverance learner traits as well as a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and team work.



Phonics

In Phonics, the children are continuing to learn to read and write set 2 sounds. So far, children have learnt 'ay', 'ee', 'igh', 'oo', 'ow'. The children have also spent time writing words and sentences about the snow queen in our writing areas. They have produced some fantastic independent work using the ideas we have explored during whole class activities. Children continue to read the set 1 action words every day and this will become a real focus during the next few weeks.

Homework

Today your child will have received new homework books with the new sounds of the week. The homework books contain all the action words the children should be able to read along with suitable games and activities to consolidate their learning in this area. Please do give 5 minutes to this each evening.

Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing your child's achievements and next steps during Parents Evenings on either Monday or Tuesday.

Have a great weekend and see you all next week for our last week before the half term holidays.

Kind regards,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars & Miss Belford

