

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

### **The Northern Lights**

This week, we started by looking at a spectacular video of the Northern Lights. The children talked about the Aurora Borealis, creating a magical, calm and relaxing feeling and we found images of the Northern Lights in our shared reading books. During the week, the children developed amazing watercolour and pastel pictures and used the creative pen tool on the smart board to depict their interpretation of the Northern Lights. We also developed fantastic stories about Arctic life and 'Ice fishing' in our imaginary play. In PE, we played the traffic light game then demonstrated fantastic teamwork with the parachute. At the end of our session, we made a 'Northern Lights Pod' by lifting the parachute into the air and sitting inside the parachute like a mushroom. The children thought this was spectacular!



### **Mathematical Development**

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity so that we can order and compare containers of water. The children have had such a wonderful time in our 'science lab' to explore this concept and have been working on their fine motor skills to transfer the water using pipettes and syringes. We experimented to fill the containers so they were full/half full/nearly full and nearly empty! We are going to build on this further next week to make our own predictions and to measure different quantities of water.

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## Literacy Development

In Literacy, we have been using a variety of 'wow' words such as 'magical' and 'vivid' in our writing to describe the Northern Lights. We are very proud of how the children are striving to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and to form sounds correctly in their writing. This week, we began our handwriting sessions instead of 'Write Dance'. This will continue to the end of the year and will prepare the children in forming capital and lower case letters correctly alongside the work that we do in Read Write Inc. On Fridays, the children will take part in an action word relay to recognise, read and write their action words!



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Mrs Ward.

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