

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'ar', 'oo', 'oa' and 'ur' sounds. In addition, we revised all our other sounds and high frequency words. We have read and illustrated sentences and short captions. Next week in class, we will be learning more two-letter sounds and revising the tricky star words taught so far. The sounds with two or three letters are difficult for the children to remember so any extra practice with their sound books will be beneficial.

In Numeracy this week, we have revised number formation, order, found 'one less' and taken away. Working practically has helped the children to realise how important it is to count out the correct amount before taking away a number. Next week, we will be continuing to focus on finding the number that is one less than a given number on the number line before taking away different amounts. The children will also be challenged to find the missing number in a line and record the take away number sentence using the – and = signs.

This week, we have continued our topic, 'Wintry Worlds.' We have been looking at the children's enquiry questions and enjoyed researching facts about The Arctic, polar bears, inuits and igloos. Next week, we will be using the computers to learn about the Antarctic and penguins.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

How do we keep ourselves warm in the cold weather?

Following on from our enquiry learning this week about polar bears, this week's word of the week is: **Powerful**

Thank you for all the delicious buns brought into school for the children to sell for our Friday bun sale. All proceeds made from our bun sales this year will go towards our chosen charities - SUDEP Action, Forget Me Not children's hospice and Hope Nursery in Tanzania.

RR's next open door session will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2:30pm. RM's next open door will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm.

Finally, as we like to play out in all weathers, please ensure your child has a named hat and pair of gloves at school. Although it is a simple idea, attaching their gloves to their coat with a piece of elastic is a great help!

If you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Brook and she will ensure the Reception team is informed.

The Reception Team.