

Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa' sounds. We have learnt that the 'igh' sound is called a trigraph (three letters that make one sound). In addition, we revised all our other sounds and high frequency words. We have now assessed your child on their phonics knowledge, and you should have already received a feedback sheet to make you aware of any gaps in their learning. Please keep practising these at home with your child, little and often is always best. Next week in class, we will be learning more two-letter sounds and some more new tricky words. The sounds with two or three letters are difficult for the children to remember so any extra practice with their sound books will be very beneficial.

In Maths this week, we have been looking at heavy and light objects and what this means. We have been weighing the objects and talking about things that are heavy and light in our environment, either at school or at home. Next week, we will be introducing capacity and focusing on the vocabulary: empty, nearly empty, half full, nearly full and full.

This week, we have introduced our topic, 'Wintry Worlds.' We have been looking at the children's enquiry questions and enjoyed researching facts about the Arctic and Polar bears. Next week, we will be learning all about the Antarctic and penguins.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

How do we keep ourselves warm in the cold weather?

Word of the Week: **Arctic**

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 and will help prevent them from becoming lost!

Thank you to RM for all the lovely buns brought into school today. The children thoroughly enjoyed selling their buns to the rest of the school. All proceeds made each week during our weekly bun sale go to our school's chosen charities.

If you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to write them in your child's home/school book.

Many thanks
The Reception Team