



Reception Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds ar and or and the two oo/oo sounds. The children will learn the the 'oo' grapheme can make either the short 'oo' sound as in 'book' or the long 'oo' sound as in 'moon.' As the children learn to blend these sounds in words, they will try one and if that doesn't sound right, will then try the other. In addition, we revised all our other double and triple sounds. As you now know, many of them have two or three letters and the children are finding them hard! We have been busy revising all the tricky words taught so far. Also, we have been practising writing the letters we have learnt so far using the letter formation phrase focusing on the letters 'j' and 'l' in our handwriting groups. Next week in class, we will be hunting for tricky words in captions and sentences and writing words and captions using some of the double letter sounds (digraphs) we have learnt so far.

In Numeracy this week, we have been learning about capacity encouraging the children to build on their understanding of full and empty to show half full, nearly full and nearly empty. We have explored capacity using different materials such as water and sand and used different sized containers to investigate. We have prompted the children to use the language of tall, thin, narrow, wide and shallow.

White Rose Maths Hub have a free app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their fluency skills within addition and subtraction and to recognise key facts quickly. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.

During our topic work, 'The World of Wonder-Wintry Worlds', we been learning about Antarctica and penguins. We have then researched facts about Antarctica and found animals that live there other than the penguins. Next week we will be learning all about Chinese New Year and how some people celebrate this special time.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

What facts can you remember about Antarctica and penguins?

Following on from our enquiry learning this week about penguins, this week's word of the week is: **Antarctica**

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

Many thanks

The Reception Team

