

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'oo', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or' sounds. We learnt that the 'oo/oo' graphemes makes two sounds as in the words 'book' and 'boot.' We have revised the tricky words learnt so far and learnt the new tricky words 'was,' 'you' and 'they.' 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. This week we have been practising forming the letters m and h using the letter formation phrases below to help them.

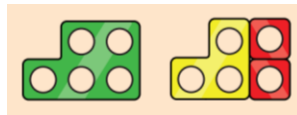


Down, up and over the mouse's ears.



Down, up and over the helicopter.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about the composition of numbers up to 5. We have been using both our counting and subitising skills as a way of checking the different representations. The children have been continuing to develop their understanding of all numbers being made up of smaller numbers. We asked the children questions such as 'What do you see?' 'How do you see it?' 'What is the whole?' and 'What is the part?'



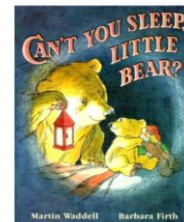
This week, we have introduced our topic, 'Wintry Worlds.' We have been looking at the children's enquiry questions and enjoyed researching facts about the Arctic and Polar bears. Next week, we will be learning all about the Antarctic and penguins.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

How do we keep ourselves warm in the cold weather?

Word of the Week: **Arctic**

Our class reader this week is: **Can't you sleep little bear?**



Please click on the link below to share this week's song with your child.

[The polar bear song](#)

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