



Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear**. 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 and learnt the new tricky words **my**, **by** and **all**. We have been practising forming the letters '**b**' and '**p**' 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.



Down the bear's back, up and round its tummy.



Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.

In Numeracy this week, we have been continuing our learning all about the composition of 5. The children have been practising adding 2 sets of objects together to make 5 and found that different amounts can be added together to make 5. We have introduced the mathematical signs + and = and the children then used their counting and subitising knowledge gained so far to record their own number sentences using + and =.

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-Wintery Worlds', we been learning about Antarctica and penguins. We then researched facts about Antarctica and found animals that live there as well as penguins. Next week we will be learning all about becoming experimenting experts as we make predictions, test out experiments and analyse our findings. We will be busy exploring floating and sinking, freezing and melting and colour mixing.

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

[Five Little Penguins](#)

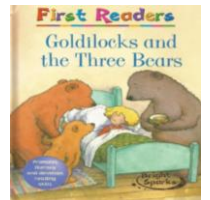
What facts can you remember about Antarctica and penguins?

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:



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

Our class reader this week is: **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**



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