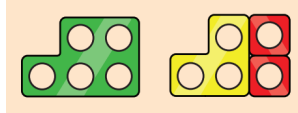


Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'oo', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or' sounds. We learnt that the 'oo/oo' graphemes make 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.

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?'



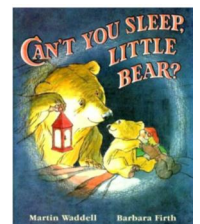
This week, we have introduced our topic, 'Wintry Worlds.' We have been looking at the children's enquiry questions and enjoyed researching facts about the Arctic and Polar bears. Next week, we will be learning all about the Antarctic and penguins.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

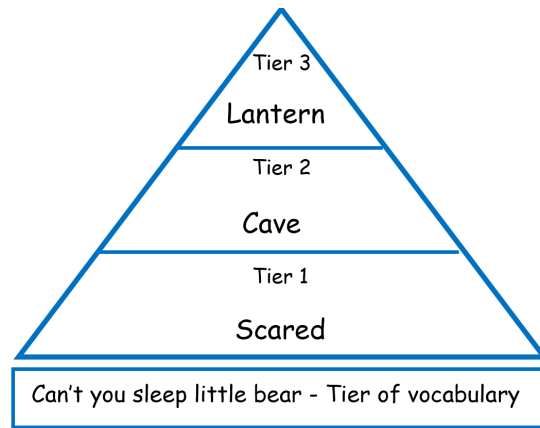
How do we keep ourselves warm in the cold weather?

Word of the Week: **Arctic**

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



Here are the key words below that we have been exploring with the children this week during our class reader sessions.



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

### [The polar bear song](#)

We would like to invite you to attend for your child's open door session when you can enjoy spending time with your child, exploring the provision in their classroom environment. Open door will start at 2:30pm and will finish at 3pm when we will begin to get the children ready for home at the usual time. If you are unable to join us but would like to send another willing family member or friend instead, you are very welcome to do so. To enable you to enjoy sharing activities with your child in our classroom space, we would like to request that there is a maximum of 2 adults per child. If you do not have any childcare and need to bring younger siblings along, you are welcome to do so but due to our open door sessions being very busy, we would like to ask that any prams are not brought into the classroom and left near the office if you do need to bring your pram to school. The open door sessions will be on two different dates and the one that you attend will depend on the class that your child is in.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2:30-3:00pm** will be **RM's** open door session and **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2:30-3:00pm** will be **RV's** open door session. If you have any questions at all regarding our open door sessions, please just ask.

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!

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