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*We pray together. We play together. We learn together.*

# Reception Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who responded to our resource request last week! We would love to hear from you if you have any old bookcases, tree stumps/logs, wooden planters, wooden cable reels, small world toys/figures or old electronics.

This week has been a busy and a cold one! We have enjoyed exploring the children's interests such as dinosaurs, London, penguins, animals, football and have been making our own icebergs too!

## Literacy

Mrs Plant has been teaching us about Arctic Animals and different types of texts this week. We learnt that an information book is different to a story book as it is about facts rather than using your imagination. We learnt facts about different animals by looking for information in books and on the internet. One of the funny things we said was that you could even ask Siri or Alexa for information! Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> century often brings up these things as we quickly realise how fast the world and technology is changing!

This week we watched some clips from Frozen Planet and Blue Planet. The children were fascinated by the clip of the Polar Bear emerging from the den with her cubs and also the beautiful narwhals. (If you search for these on YouTube you should be able to find them as they come up straight away.)

For our Big Draw this week we wrote a page from an information book with a fact about an animal we had drawn.

## Maths

This week we have been doing lots of counting practice. We said that when we count an amount of objects we need to use our finger to point or touch the object and if we can, move it away so we know we have counted it. We are having a break from our number of the week to work on consolidation of

numbers 1-10 and to ensure the children have a solid foundation and understanding before moving forward.

In the coming weeks I will be sending home a little Maths pack for some children to support their counting skills. In the pack will be some games to play and lots of things to count and play with. If you receive the pack and have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 😊

### Letters and Sounds

This week we have revisited - e, u, ck, r and the tricky words I, no, go, the and to.

As we revisit Phase 2 I have included these sounds in your child's bookbag so that you can turn these into flash cards at home. If you are able to look at these with your child daily, recognising the sounds and making simple cvc words, we would appreciate this. Thank you! Little and often is key - please do not spend too long each day looking at them, we are sure you have more exciting things to be getting on with! 😊

### Homework

**As per last term, the homework will be given out on a Monday and is to be completed by Friday. Please send a story to Tapestry by the Friday to show that this has been completed.**

### Birthday Invitations

Unfortunately due to time restraints in the classroom, we are not able to give out party invitations. Thank you for your understanding about this.

### Spring Term Responsibilities

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this term we are asking the children to check and empty their own book bags to encourage their own sense of responsibility (one of our school values). Please remind your child of this if you know they have a menu or a letter to give in to a member of staff. Another way you can help your child is by encouraging them to do up their own coats and put their own shoes/wellies on; this helps us when we take the children outside and will help your child to develop both independent and physical skills.

### PE/Children dressing

We will have PE lessons on a Friday with Mr Walker and will be working on fundamental skills such as balance, running and activities to develop co-ordination and physical skills.

In preparation for this, the children will be encouraged to undress and dress themselves before and after the lesson. In order to develop your child's independent skills, we would ask that your child is encouraged to undress and dress themselves at home. This will also support their physical development skills and ensure that as the term progresses the children are able to get undressed and dressed again at a faster rate the more independent they become. I am sure the children will love PE and have lots of fun.

### **Snack Money**

This half term snack will cost £11.20 per child. Please send this in to school in an envelope marked with your child's name. Many thanks.

### **Tapestry**

Please continue to send in your lovely stories. We love seeing them and sharing them with the class.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Mitchell, Ms Connolly and Mrs Newton  
Xxx