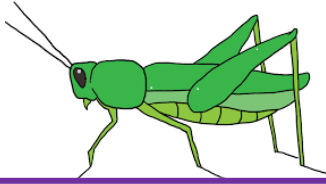


Reception Newsletter



Friday 3 March 2023

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy) **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners) **Enthusiastic** (to be an excited learner)

This week...

At the beginning of the week we learnt about the polar regions - Arctic and Antarctica and how these places are so different to where we live. We learnt that Polar bears live in the Arctic and penguins are in the south. As it was national polar bear day, we found out a little information about these wonderful creatures including a surprising fact that their skin is actually black! We also talked about how these creatures are in danger from the earth heating up and melting the ice caps. This inspired our ice investigation – to find out what is the quickest way to melt ice. After deciding on 3 different heat sources – radiator, sun, warm water we made predictions which one would be the quickest heat source to melt the ice and then we tested it out. The children were great at observing the changes that took place even though some were slower than others. The quickest way to melt the ice was by putting it in a bowl of warm water. We talked a little but about how the arctic waters are warming up and the ice is melting because of it.

Next week

We will return to our story Stanley's stick, and we will be using our imagination to turn our sticks into something extraordinary. For this we will need to use some drama skills. This drama will the inspire some writing.

In maths we will be exploring partitioning and finding different ways to make numbers to 10.

We will be learning about what makes a good learner – what are the learning dispositions we need eg being curious, being resilient.

Phonics this week

Phonemes – er. oi

Common exception words (tricky) – you, was

High frequency words (try to read on sight) look, too

Things coming up

Mon 6th–Fri 10th - Walk to school week

Monday 6th – open classroom – **Butterflies**

Wednesday 8th – open classroom – **Grasshoppers**

Friday 10th – Crazy shoes day (more info to follow)

Ideas for home

Find out about some other polar animals such as penguins, arctic foxes, seals and whales. Where do they live – north or south? What do they eat? What do they look like?

Other bits:

Phonics workshops – Thank you to parents who were able to attend these over the last 2 weeks. We hope you found them helpful and will help you support your child with reading at home.

World Book Day – Well done and thanks you for some great costumes on world book day. The children loved being part of this special day and we had a lot of fun with book activities.

Walk to school week – this is next week and we really want to encourage children to walk to school as much as they can. We appreciate that it may not be possible to walk the whole distance, but please try to park a bit further away and walk a bit more. Rewards for all those walking feet at the end of the week!

Spare clothes - Please can you help. We are in need of socks / tights / spare underwear. We welcome any donations possible. Many thanks

Reading books: Return to school on a Monday. New book out on Tuesday
(Please ensure they are kept in book bags all week)

**** words in red = new vocabulary that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development****