

Reception Newsletter 13th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,
Our topic this half term is Living: Hot and Cold. We have been looking at winter scenes and what happens during winter time. If you have any role play costumes linked to winter you would like to donate (e.g., Frozen characters, penguin, etc.), please hand them to one of the Reception team at drop off/pick up.

This week we have been:

- reading non-fiction books about seasons and exploring what happens in winter.
- consolidating Phase 2 phonics with the sounds n, ck, e, h, r, m (Ben's group).
- learning Step 2 of Jolly phonics by learning y as an /ee/ and learning the tricky words you and your (Annie's group).
- learning to count to 10 and looking at different representations of numbers using ten frames.
- making winter scenes using chalk and paint.

Next week we will be:

- reading 'Penguin Small' by Mick Inkpen and making penguin pictures.
- consolidating Phase 2 phonics with the sounds d, g, o, u, l (Ben's group).
- exploring short vowel sounds in CVC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant) words and the tricky words 'you' and 'your' (Annie's group).
- comparing groups of numbers up to 10.
- starting to look at traditions and ways to prepare for Chinese New Year.

You can help at home by:

- practising the sounds using the Jolly Phonics flashcards provided before the Christmas holidays. If you did not receive this, please let us know at your earliest convenience.
- reading with the children and encouraging them to segment and blend CVC and CVVC words.
- continuing to practice number formations.
- Practising the letter formations using the Jolly Phonics sheets given throughout the week.

Note: Phonics sessions will promptly start at 9 o'clock. Please ensure that children are in their class **before 9** in order for them to be registered and make their way into their Phonics groups.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Ben, Annie, Ginny and Yasmin