



Reception Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Weekly Message

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely break. This week in Reception, the children have been learning all about the Arctic and Antarctica. They explored the polar regions and learnt about the animals that live there, including their habitats and key features. We also focused on using new key vocabulary to describe Arctic animals, such as *blubber*, *fur* and *camouflage*. The children used this learning to create simple fact files about polar animals. In our creative and construction areas, the children built igloos using the building blocks and drew their own penguins using oil pastels. We also had a very important visit from the nurse who taught us the importance of brushing our teeth and avoiding lots of sugars!

In phonics, we have been learning about split digraphs (long vowel sounds) and practising spotting these in our reading. In maths, the children explored different arrangements of dots and discussed where we might see these in everyday life, such as on dice, linking the amounts to numerals.

A peek at the week

Next week, we will continue exploring the polar regions. We will also be learning about the seven continents, finding them on a globe, and creating an Arctic background for our penguin artwork using paint.

Home Learning

This week, we will be sending home **WOW sheets** for your child to draw or write about something they have enjoyed or completed during the weekend. Please return the completed WOW sheets on **Monday morning**, and we will share and talk about them together as a class.

EYFS Donations

- Please could you kindly bring in some flour, rice, pasta.

Reminders

- **Butterfly workshare Assembly: 30th January** at 1:45pm in the school hall.
- **Butterflies trip to the Library** on the 27th January.



Our week in pictures





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