



Reception Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2025

Weekly Message

This week, the children have continued to explore the polar regions and have also been learning about the seven continents. They used a globe and maps to find where different continents are located and began to understand that the world is made up of many different places. The children also completed their Antarctic backgrounds for their penguin artwork. They learnt how to *tint* colours by adding white to blue to create lighter shades, which was very exciting to experiment with. We also had an amazing visit from the Explorer Dome workshop this week. The children crawled inside through the tunnel and explored what different parts of the world are like, including the Sahara Desert, the rainforest and the polar regions. They also learnt about the importance of recycling and looking after our planet. In phonics, we learnt our new tricky words: **my**, **by** and **one**, and practised reading and using them in simple sentences. In maths, the children explored the idea of *one more* using cubes and continued to practise matching numerals to the amount.

A peek at the week

Next week, we will be writing about our exciting Dome workshop and sharing what we learnt. We will also begin exploring hot regions of the world, looking at which continents are hot, why they are hot, and the animals that live there. Additionally we will be reading the story *Catch That Chicken* written by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brooksbank.

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 and 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

