

Parent Update – week beginning 9 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have returned from the holidays excited and happy to be back. We hope you all enjoyed a restful break.

Last week, we began our new topic 'Winter Days'. We completed a knowledge harvest to gather information about what the children already know about winter, cold areas around the world and associated wildlife. This week, the children learned about where the UK is on a globe and world map and identified the Arctic and Antarctica. They found out about penguins and polar bears which tied in to our new text 'Blue Penguin' by Petr Horacek. Over the coming weeks, we will be finding out a little more and answering some of the questions the children had.

In Maths last week, the children explored 2D shapes and had fun playing games to identify them. This week, we have moved on to learning how to match numerals to amounts using NumberBlocks and track games. The children really enjoyed playing the games and working out how they could win (without cheating!) We sent home a snakes and ladders game sheet with the children yesterday so that you can have some fun playing and learning together.

In Phonics, we have begun learning our Phase 3 sounds, which focuses on digraphs and trigraphs. The children are doing a great job and are identifying the graphemes in words.

In Reading Practice sessions, the children are becoming more confident handling and accessing books. Thank you for accessing the children's eBooks at home and supporting your children with their reading - it makes such a difference! We have introduced Reading Champions this week and the children are very excited about it. Each week, one child from each class will be chosen as a Reading Champion and will be celebrated in assembly for their hard work. A Marvellous Me will be sent home for the Reading Champion and also for any children who we can see have read at least three times a week. As always, if there are any problems with the reading books or logging on, please let us know.

Best wishes,
Mrs Oram and Miss Steven