



FS News Letter January 2015

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year

We are starting the year with a topic focusing on the winter weather and life in cold climates.

Our first week has inevitably[!] involved Elsa and Anna and the cast of 'Frozen'. We investigated snowflakes - I hope all the children can tell you at least 2 snowflake facts! - and have retold the Frozen story with the characters in the small world area.

We shall go on to read together and work on various stories featuring snow, ice, snowmen, penguins and polar bears. We will look at the cold areas of the world and the animals and landscapes to be found there.

The children will learn related songs and have a go at some winter music compositions, paint with cold winter colours and try their hand at building igloos. They will investigate ice and the freezing and melting process, measuring and recording the melting times for different size lumps of ice.

Read Write Inc activities continue - the children know lots of sounds now and are starting to combine their sounds to write simple words and sentences.

In mathematics the reception children are beginning to combine groups of items in simple additions while all the children are investigating 2d and 3d shapes and continuing with counting activities - please keep plugging away at counting at home - count steps, cars, toys, anything and everything - count forwards and backwards [it is all invaluable practice]

Can I please remind you about naming items of clothing - particularly PE kits - and that we appreciate monetary contributions towards the food items we provide for snack.

Also we really appreciate your comments or suggestions please feel free to have a word with us after school [as we need to greet the children, the morning isn't always a good time]

We are looking forward to working hard and having a fun-filled term of learning.

The Foundation Stage Team



