

# Reception News

Spring 1 Week 4 – 28th January 2022

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been learning more of our digraphs and trigraphs We have looked at **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear**. We have been practising writing all of these sounds too and our handwriting is really improving!
- ◆ In Maths we have been adding different amounts of objects and writing number sentences to match using the '+' and '=' symbols. We have also been learning to write the number 17 correctly with the help of "Episode 17" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town. We have started to learn how to count on in steps of 10 this week too, using our counting in tens song. Our teachers were very impressed with how quickly we have picked up the sequence of counting in 10's!
- ◆ The children have been learning lots of facts about polar bears. They have asked lots of super questions about the North Pole and polar bears too! They each wrote their own a sentence about a polar bear and they were encouraged to think about an adjective to describe the bear too (e.g. *It has got big teeth*).
- ◆ This week we have made polar bear masks, with the children cutting out their masks independently and sticking on the "fur" using white tissue and crepe paper and drew polar bears using the Tux Paint program on the classroom computers.

Polar bears, polar bears  
everywhere!

## Homework

### Literacy

- Sounds - especially new sounds **ur**, **ow**, **oi** and **ear** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child manages at home with their reading books. We really do value your comments.*
- Sight words - It helps the children to become much more fluent with their reading if they are able to recognise taught "tricky words" without needing to blend them. For example, they should now be beginning to recognise words like **is**, **it**, **in**, **and**, **on** & **has** as they are reading independently.

### Maths

- Practise counting forwards from 1 to 20 and then backwards from 20 to 0. If this is tricky, try counting backwards from 10 to 0 initially and then gradually build up to being able to count back from 20.
- Practise forming number **17** in their yellow books and on the Ten Town website, along with recognising taught numbers, especially those from 11 to 20. *Can your child recognise and order these numbers independently?*