

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 6 – 11th February 2021

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been practising our digraphs and trigraphs and we have been trying hard to write words containing these sounds independently too.
- ◆ In Maths we have been adding both the spots on dominoes and different pieces of Numicon before showing our answers on number fans. We are getting used to seeing addition number sentences using the '+' and '=' symbols too. We have also been learning to write the number 19 correctly with the help of "Episode 19" from the "Tia Ten Show" on Ten Town.
- ◆ The children have been learning lots of facts about Antarctica this week. They have been really interested and have asked lots of questions! They were especially fascinated to learn that, although scientists and tourists can go to visit, no one actually lives in Antarctica!
- ◆ The children are making their own Antarctica collages. Last week they painted a blue colour wash for the sky and this week they have used glittery white paint to paint the ice/icebergs. Next week they'll be cutting out the penguins to stick on in order to finish their collages.
- ◆ On Wednesday morning, Mrs Matthews came in to speak to us about why the Bible is a special book for Christians. She brought 3x Bibles with her - her own, her son's and her Grandad's - and we all really enjoyed listening to her.

We have loved drawing lots of penguins - we're getting really good at it too!

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was "Safer Internet Day". This week we have talked about how to be safe when we are using the Internet as we read the story "Smartie the Penguin" and we found out how he learnt to keep safe when using the Internet too. We learnt a little rhyme to help us to remember -

"Before you click, click, click, you need to think, think, think and TELL SOMEONE!"

Homework

Literacy

- **10 things to take to Antarctica** - Your child doesn't need to write these themselves, they can tell you & you could scribe for them. We're looking for suggestions of things like hats, gloves, jumpers, scarves, boots, thick socks, coats, sunglasses (yes, really!), cameras, a picnic, etc.
- Sounds - please can you recap the recently covered digraphs & trigraphs in the brown sound books?
- Reading books - *please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child managed with their books at home, thank you.*
- Sight words.

Maths

- Practise adding using small amounts of objects, counting on to find the total amount, and reinforce the language of "add", "total", "altogether".
- Practise forming number **19** in their yellow books and on the Ten Town website, along with recognising taught numbers, especially those from 11 to 20.