

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 3 - 20th January 2023

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been learning more of our digraphs. We have looked at **oo**, **oo**, **ar** and **or**. We learnt that (like **th**) the digraph **oo** makes two different sounds (short **oo** as in **book** and long **oo** as in **pool**). We have tried Magic Stars, **cookies (oo)** and **Oreos...mmm!** We have been practising writing all of these sounds too and our handwriting is really improving!
- ◆ The children have been learning lots of facts about **penguins**. They have asked lots of questions about penguins too! They labelled the different parts of an Emperor Penguin and were encouraged to think about adjectives to describe those different parts (e.g. long beak).
- ◆ We drew our own penguins on Purple Mash, improving our mouse skills as we worked hard creatively. We also cut out shape penguins and painted our own pictures of penguins to go onto our Antarctica wall display.
- ◆ We have really been enjoying ourselves by dancing to the song "Penguins, Attention!" and singing along to the "Party Penguins" rap from Andy's Wild Adventures too.

Penguins, penguins everywhere!!!

Making a Penguin huddle to keep warm!!!

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - especially new digraphs **oo**, **oo**, **ar** and **or** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please write us a comment to let us know how your child managed with their reading.*
- Sight words

Maths

- Go on a "3D Shape Hunt" looking for 3D shapes around the home (cubes, cuboids, spheres, pyramids, cones & cylinders). *How many of each 3D shape can you find?* You could stick a photo of the shapes that you find in your yellow book - we'd love to see how many you manage to find on your hunt! (We call 3D shapes "**fat**" shapes & 2D shapes are "**flat**" shapes).
- **I Spy number 8** - can your child find & draw a circle around all the different ways of representing number 8?