

Learning in Reception this week – 6th March 2023 – Poles Apart



Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Polar
- Arctic
- Antarctic
- Iceberg
- Inuit
- Waddle
(collective noun to describe a group of walking penguins)
- Celebration
(collective noun for a group of polar bears)
- Habitat



Phonics

We have learnt all of the Phase 2 and 3 phonic sounds. We are now reviewing what we have learnt and are practising reading and writing these sounds in words.

We are learning lots of new harder to read and spell words this term including: **said, so, have, were, out, like, some, come, there, little, one, do, children, love**



Amazing Artists

This week we continued our learning about our new artist for the term – **Andrew Goldsworthy**. He is a **British sculptor and photographer**. Goldsworthy uses lots of **natural items** such as pebbles, leaves and logs to create his art work. We will be focussing on his **pebble spiral** art piece and this week had a go at creating our own, using various natural resources.



Maths

This week we have been learning all about the **number 9**.

We explored the number 9 maths mat which included nine, 9, the Numicon piece, Numberblock, a 5p and 2 x 2p coins, a domino with 4 and 5 spots and a tens frame with 9 counters. We also learnt that 9 is a **square number**, a number multiplied by itself e.g. $2 \times 2 = 4$, $3 \times 3 = 9$. We used cubes to make squares, to investigate the next square number.

You can watch the Numberblocks episodes again here:

[Numberblocks - Nine](#)

[Numberblocks - The Three Threes](#)

We listened to the 'Simon Sock' story and learnt about what it means to have a '**pair**'. We got into pairs and paired up 40 socks! We then looked at other items and introduced the terms '**odd**' and '**even**'. We explored the Numicon and identified which had an odd or even number of holes.



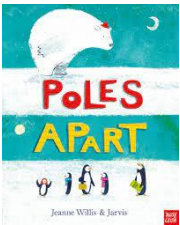
Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week we have been learning about animals that live in cold places. We looked at the globe and identified the cold areas – the **Arctic** and **Antarctic**.

We have learnt many facts about the **polar regions** and in particular about **penguins** and **polar bears**.

We looked at non-fiction texts and watched video footage of David Attenborough.

Watch the story of the week here



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Welly Wednesday

This week we took advantage of the **snow** in Welly Wednesday! The children learnt how **Inuits** build their **igloos**.

We had fun collecting snow in bowls and turning them into bricks to construct our own igloo, we discovered how the bricks stuck together in the cold and how they were able to make the roof stay up and even added a door and a window! The children showed great pride in the finished result!



RE

In RE this week we thought about special times for Christians. We recapped the **Christmas story** and the birth of Jesus. We then shared and discussed the **Easter** story and the meaning of **Easter**. We shared what we do with our families at **Easter**.



Continue your learning at home

Share some facts that you have learnt this week about penguins and polar bears! Can you remember which lives in the **North Pole** and which lives in the **South Pole**? What do they eat? Why are they a particular colour?