



Wren Class Newsletter - W/B 16/01/2023 & 23/01/2023.

Apologies, two weeks in one!

After spending a week in the Arctic the children transported themselves south, to the Antarctic! We have been reading the story Lost and Found about a boy and penguin who travel by boat to the Antarctic. During our Literacy lessons we explored different types of boat, drew and wrote about our own boat design. We also learnt about different types of penguin and facts about them. The children enjoyed drawing and writing about penguins by making a poster.

During our DT lesson the children made a boat out of recycled materials and explore floating and sinking. They talked about the materials they had used and added different parts to their boats. They then tested their creations to see if they would float and carry a penguin passenger, modifying their creations as they went along.

We have started Phase 3 of our phonics journey which includes digraphs and trigraphs such as 'ai', 'ee', 'igh', 'oa', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or'. I have put a copy of the sounds that we have been learning in the children's reading packs and you can also find a copy on our class page under 'homework'.

In our Maths lessons, we have revisited 2D shapes squares and rectangles. The children learnt how to describe them and know why they are different. They also learnt that a square is a special rectangle as its sides are all the same length. We practised sequencing our daily routine and learnt all about zero.

In Forest School this week, the children learnt about Chinese New year and making ice creations! Please see the Forest School page on the school website and Tapestry for further details.

During our RE lessons the children have been learning about how new year is celebrated throughout the world and explored Chinese New year and Persian New Year.

In our PHSE lesson we started a new phase, Dreams and Goals. So far the children have discussed what things they find difficult and how they can overcome these challenges.

In PE, the children have continued to practise a gymnastic routine that they will be performing to you on 7th February after drop off.

Lastly, the children have started a scheme called 'Balanceability'. We will be teaching the children how to ride a balance bike safely and hopefully progressing to pedal bikes. This week we practised how to balance on a bench and shuffle along using one foot in front of the other, keeping our bottom on contact with the bench.

Next week we are leaving the Poles and continuing our journey 'Out of this World' by transporting ourselves into Space! Our first stop will take us to meet some very strange Aliens who love underpants!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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