

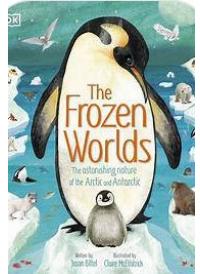
Nursery News

Friday 16th January



The Big Freeze - Poles Apart

This week we have been remembering and retelling *Poles Apart* using story language, small world figures and lots of enthusiastic talk. The children have enjoyed discussing the characters, their polar homes, and sharing their own ideas about what makes their home special to them.



Polar Animal Sorting

The children have loved becoming polar explorers as we explored and sorted polar animals. We talked about how the polar bear's home in the North Pole is different from the penguin's home in the South Pole. This helped the children to notice similarities and differences and use new vocabulary confidently!



Maths – Subitising

In Maths, our focus has been subitising – recognising small amounts without counting.

The children have been feeding our hungry penguins by quickly spotting **how many** fish there were and matching the correct amount. They have also been **noticing** and **recognising groups** of 1, 2 or 3 in pictures and around Nursery.



Using Action Words

In Little Link, we have been focusing on action words ending in **-ing**. We noticed how many action words we use every day at Nursery, especially in PE, such as **dancing**, **skipping** and **stopping**. You could try this at home by asking your child: **"What are you doing?"** and encouraging them to answer using an -ing word.

Mark Making & Fine Motor – Circles!

This week we have been developing pencil grip and control through Pen Disco, where the children practised:

- drawing and closing circles
- making controlled movements
- building confidence



Wet Weather and Messy Play

Our explorers love to jump in puddles, draw and write in mud, frost and paint, splash in the water area, and roll in the sand and bark. We encourage independence and exploration, but we also want to keep everyone warm and comfortable. With the cold and wet weather, please ensure your child has plenty of **spare clothes in their bag**, including spare pants, wet wipes and **waterproofs to stay at Nursery** where possible as we will use these to ensure their coats stay dry.



How You Can Help at Home

You can support your child's learning with simple everyday moments:

Maths

Spot small groups of objects (1–3), such as fruit, stones or toys, and ask:

"How many can you see?"

Story talk

Look at a story together and ask:

"What is happening in the picture?"

"What are the characters doing?"

Circle practice

Encourage your child to draw circles using crayons, chalk, paint, or even in the air with their finger!

THANK YOU for your continued support!