

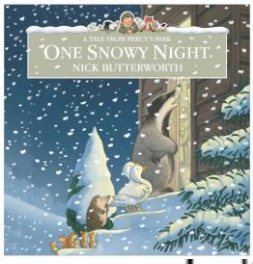




Reception Class Newsletter

9th January 2026





Literacy

We started our new topic – The Magic of Winter and cold places. We will be reading lots of stories relating to Winter and cold weather. This week we enjoyed *One Snowy Night* the story of Percy the Park Keeper. He is a very kind character who looks after the animals in the park and when it gets cold he invites them into his home to keep warm. We talked about the animal characters from the story and how some of us have seen them in the local area. We talked about 'cold' words and used them to complete the sentence – *Outside it is ….* freezing, nippy, bitter, chilly, frosty. The children loved using these words when going outside too! We also talked about what we put on to stay warm in Winter. The children experimented using our 'warm' words when writing about this.

I put on a cosy, snuggly hat.







Phonics

We have begun our phonics for the Spring term learning some new sounds:

ai ee igh oa

ai catchphrase – ***tail in the rain***

ee catchphrase – ***sheep in a jeep***

igh catchphrase – ***a light in the night***

oa catchphrase – ***soap that goat***

Each day we revisit sounds we have already learnt and use these, and our new sounds, to read and write words and sentences.

Topic

This week we started our new topic – The Magic of Winter.

We were blessed with snow!

We then went outside and played in the snow. When we came back inside, we shared our thoughts about how we felt:

My hands are cold.

My cheeks are cold.

I could see my breath.

My ears are cold.

Next we came up with some great ideas as to how to warm ourselves up.

Jump up and down

Snuggle under a blanket

Rub our hands together

Have a hot chocolate

We talked about what to wear to stay warm in Winter.





Maths

We have been looking at shapes with 4 sides. Talking about squares and rectangles and their properties. The children block printed combining the shapes investigating how two squares make a rectangle and four squares can make a bigger square! Next we found the shapes around our classroom – a cushion, the door, lego pieces!

At the end of the week we talked about day and night. The children were able to sort activities into day and night. They remembered that teeth need to be brushed twice a day!

Next week

- Continue our new topic all about Winter
- In Literacy we will be looking at the stories *Jack Frost* and *Charlie Crown in the Snow*
- In Science we will be reading Diamond in the Snow and investigating ice!
- In Phonics we will be learning 4 new sounds oo, *oo*, ar and or
- In Maths we will be looking in detail at number 0-5 finding 1more and 1 less, composition of numbers – different ways of making totals
- Winter art – painting winter trees / making snowflakes

