

Reception Class Newsletter

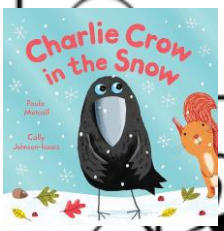
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Literacy

This week in The Magic of Winter we read the story of Jack Frost. The children listened brilliantly and talked about the pictures using the cold words from last week. “It looks bitter outside.” “Yes freezing cold!” It’s got lots of frosty ice”. The children noticed that the frost looked like swirly patterns and traced them with their fingers. As if by magic on Tuesday morning we woke up to a frosty ground! The children were very excited to explore our outside area. We enjoyed another story called *Charlie Crow in the Snow* which sees how the seasons change and the effects on nature and animals. We went on a Winter walk and talked about the things that we could see, hear and feel. There was lots to explore. Our favourite big tree on the field looks very different than when we visited it on our Autumn walk – it was dark and naked – all the leaves had gone!



Phonics

We continued our phonics learning with more new diagraph sounds:

oo oo ar or

oo catchphrase – ***zoom to the moon***

oo catchphrase – ***hook a book***

ar catchphrase – ***march in the dark***

or catchphrase – ***born with a horn***

The children have been spotting these diagraphs in words so they can blend to read the word.

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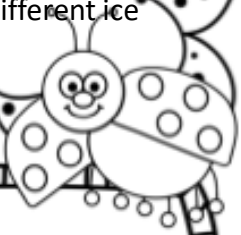
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Science

This week we have been scientists! We have been talking about how to make ice. First we made a poster of things we know about ice and shared our ideas of how ice is made. Next we wrote a set of instructions *How to Make Ice*. The children suggested cold places to test whether or not the water would turn to ice. They made predictions about what they thought would happen. The children were very excited when investigating and recorded the results on a yes and no chart indicating the outcome of our experiment. They found out that the freezer, outside and the Arctic were the places where the water froze and made ice.

They also discovered that water takes the shape of the container and therefore the ice becomes that shape. We used different ice trays to create ice!



Maths

We have been looking at zero! The children made a great list of what zero means – none, nothing, all gone, 0, nothing there, empty, at the beginning of a numberline. They were able to show representations of zero – no fingers, an empty nest, a blank paper, numeral 0. We enjoyed the songs Five Little Monkey and Alice the Camel. The children chucked away at the end of Alice enjoying the joke! The link is below for them to enjoy it at home. [Alice the Camel - The Kiboomers Preschool]



Next week

- In Literacy we will listen a poem - *Chocolate Cake*
- In Phonics we will be learning 4 new sounds
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- In Maths we will continue to explore 0-5, looking at 1 more and 1 less, composition of numbers – different ways of making totals
- Talking about our likes and dislikes

PE

A reminder if your child doesn’t have a PE kit in school please could you send one in for their peg.

Thanks for your continued support.

