

Reception Class Newsletter

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Literacy

This week we have been looking at a non-fiction text about Penguins in Antarctica. We began by finding out about where we are in the world, naming our school's road, our town and country. The children loved looking at landmarks in Macclesfield and talking about their experiences of living in the town. We looked at a globe and map of the world identifying where we are and following the route all the way to the bottom of the world to find Antarctica.

We watched a video clip and found out lots of facts about the place. The children were really interested and did a great job comparing Antarctica with England. They noticed it looked barren with no trees, flowers, roads or houses. We revisited out cold words and used them to describe the place in the photograph. The video told us that penguins are resilient creatures, that can survive in the perilous, freezing and treacherous conditions of Antarctica.





Phonics

We have been reading longer words with two syllables using the chunking up method.

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The children were really proud of themselves being able to read such big words!

We have enjoyed singing our tricky word songs this helps us remember them and then we can recognise them quickly in our reading books.





Making Chocolate Mug Cakes

Finally we got to make our chocolate mug cakes! The children were very sensible. They carefully measured out the ingredients following the recipe and chose a treat to add – white chocolate chips, milk chocolate chips or mini marshmallows. Watching through the microwave window there was much excitement as the mixture 'exploded' and 'danced' in the mug. Everyone waited patiently for the mug cake to cool. Then it was time to taste them. Some children decided to add squirty cream and sprinkles to their cake. We talked about 'eating' words - gulp, gobble, munch and nibble.

The children evaluated their cakes using our 'tasty' words – delicious, divine, scrumptious, sensational!

What a great time we had.





Maths



This week we have been growing our numberline looking at numbers 6, 7, 8. There were many different representations of these numbers – fingers, cubes, dice faces, objects. We have been using tens frames to show 6, 7 and 8 with counters. We sang the colours of the rainbow and counted that there are seven – the children created their own Numberblocks 7 using all the colours of the rainbow! Our favourite songs of the week were *One Potato, Two Potato* and *One Man Went To Mow*.



Next week

- In Literacy we will continue looking at the non-fiction text – *Penguins* and label a picture of a penguin using technical vocabulary
- In Phonics it is our assessment week – the children are going to wow us with what they've learnt this half term
- In Maths we will continue looking at 6,7,8 –
- finding and making doubles and combining two groups
- It's ARTS week so we will be busy making crafty creations, dancing and having fun!

Please continue reading and practising tricky words – the children are making amazing progress