



Early Years Newsletter: January

Nursery with Mrs Bendall

As we enter the Spring Term, it is lovely to see the children growing in confidence, becoming more independent and joining in play in groups. Our Paw Patrol HQ, in particular, has inspired a lot of role-play, talk and exciting adventures! We have enjoyed many physical activities recently, including trampolining (counting jumps!), building assault courses and playing hockey outside. I was extremely impressed with the children's behaviour and listening when we went into the Hall to play parachute games, which they loved! We have also made lots of playdough and flapjacks in cups. This involved turn-taking, measuring, counting, predicting, describing and countless other skills. We have had lots of opportunities to explore the sound /s/ in songs, games and rhymes. Congratulations to Tomas, James and Marnie, who brought in lots of objects beginning with /s/ to share with us. Next, we will look at the 'a' sound.

Proud Clouds: If your child has done something fantastic at home, or mastered a particular skill, please let us know and we will award them with a Proud Cloud to celebrate!

Reception with Miss Barby

As the weather is beginning to turn wintry, we have been learning about the Arctic and Antarctic, including looking at the animals that live there. We even had a go at building our own marshmallow igloos! We have had a focus on different art activities this half term and have made lots of 'winter' creations. The children have also really enjoyed investigating ice and different ways to melt the ice.

We have also been looking at the Chinese story of the Magic Paintbrush and have painted pictures with our own 'magic' paintbrushes, writing labels and captions to go with them. Next week, we will be learning about Chinese New Year, cooking Chinese noodles and also eating prawn crackers and fortune cookies. So far, in the cooking sessions, the children have enjoyed making pizzas from Italy, kebabs from Greece and haggis, neeps and tatties from Scotland.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore numbers, practising our counting forwards and backwards and have learnt about 2d shapes and 3D shapes and their properties. We will be moving back onto simple addition over the coming weeks.

Waterproofs and Wellies

As the weather turns colder and wetter, you are welcome to send in waterproofs and wellies with your child to keep at school, so that they can go outside in all weathers if they wish to and this will help to keep their uniforms drier and cleaner.



Dates for your diary

Monday 4th of February- School Nurse in to see Reception children

Friday 15th of February- End of Half Term

Monday 25th of February- Back to school

Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th of March- Parents' Evenings

The Early Years' Team

(Mrs Bendall, Miss Barby, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bazell, Mr Ashton, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Foy)