

# Reception Class Round-Up

Friday 17 January 2020



## Some of the lovely things the children have been learning...

We've begun our topic 'Hot and Cold' with a winter walk. We ventured outside with clipboards in hand and checklists of what we might see. Sure enough, we saw lots of signs of winter and followed our walk up with some lovely writing.



Our in-class igloo has provided great opportunity for imaginative role play. We have looked at pictures of Arctic animals and started to talk about how they survive in the extreme cold. We've created a class display of penguins chilling in the arctic and watched how baby penguins are looked after by their parents.



In handwriting we have introduced cursive *k* and *f* to complete Harriet Cow's tall letter family.

'The Bear's Winter House' has been our focus text. We have all written a plan to help Bear build his house and created a class storyboard. We have talked about hibernation and labelled pictures of the seasons.

In maths we have been counting to 20 and securing formation of teen numbers. We have introduced estimating and made sensible guesses of how many sweets are in a jar.



## Some of the things that the children will experience in the coming weeks...

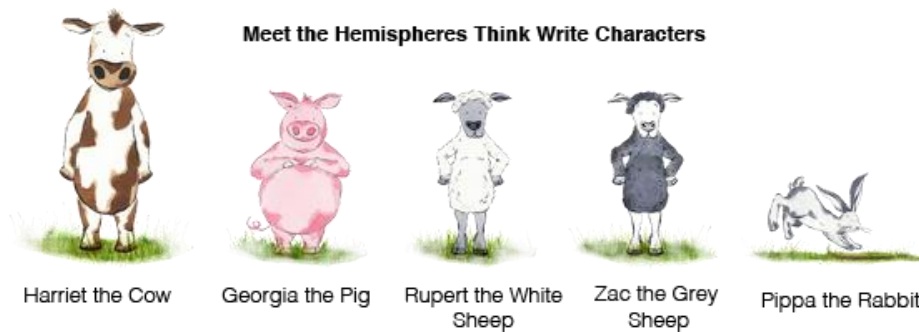
- We will be exploring and identifying patterns, including line symmetry in images and simple shapes.
- We will be starting to learn number doubles to 10 and 20.

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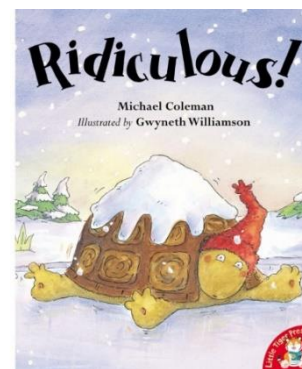
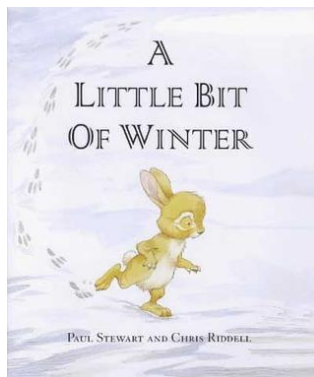
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- In handwriting we will be introduced to cursive *i* and *n* part of Rupert the white sheep's straight-line letter family.



- Our focus texts in literacy will be 'A Little bit of Winter,' and 'Ridiculous.'



- We will be writing captions, completing sentences and completing sequencing activities.
- We will be learning more about animals that hibernate.

In phonics we have been introduced to sounds...

## Introduced blends – st, cr, tr, dr, fr, pr

**How to help your child at home...**

- Practise identifying numbers in real life contexts
- Reinforce sounds introduced at school and practise blending simple words
- Practise cursive letters in name writing – reinforce capital letters at the start of first and last names
- Count in 2's to 20. (even numbers)
- Look for signs of winter and talk about how the seasons change
- Go to 'Bug Club' to have fun reading online stories. (If anyone needs a reminder of log on details please ask)

**What's coming up/notices/ information...**

- Some children have asked if they can bring in cuddly penguins and polar bears to display in class. This is a great idea to support our topic work, so feel free to send them in.