

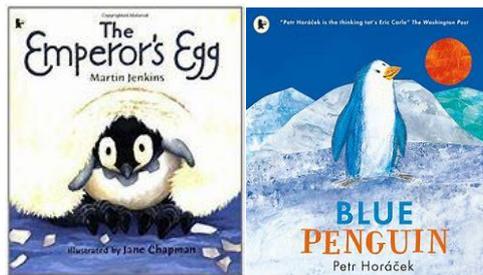
## Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas break. We have really enjoyed hearing about all the exciting things your children have been up to over the holidays. We are relieved to now be back in the EYFS classroom - thank you for the support you gave us last half term, whilst we were working in the main building.

### Curriculum

This half term our topic is "Life in the Freezer" and we will be basing our learning around 2 two books. "The Emperor's Egg" by Martin Jenkins and "Blue Penguin" by Petr Horacek.



In Literacy, we will be continuing with our phonics work, starting the set two Read Write Inc sounds. We will continue to practise using our phonics to write simple words and short sentences independently.

In Maths, we will continue our work in recognising and ordering numbers up to 10, addition and subtraction. We will be weighing and measuring, as well looking at capacity, 2D and 3D shapes.

Our Physical Development will continue with PE sessions developing multi-skills with Mrs Taylor from Sporting Start. This will continue to be on a Monday afternoon. The children will also be taking part in a weekly dance session led by our dance specialist, Sam Rich, from Schools Out.

In Understanding the World, we will be looking animals from Antarctica and why it is cold in winter, as well as exploring ice in different ways.

Our Expressive Art and Design work will continue to encourage children to learn new skills and practice existing skills within the creative area. We will be learning new songs and rhymes linked to our topic.

In RE we will be considering why the word God is so important to Christians.

## **Forest Schools**

The children are all enjoying their weekly forest school sessions and hopefully, weather permitting, these will continue on a Friday afternoon this term. Please ensure your child has warm clothes - hats, scarf, gloves and long trousers/tights in school on these chilly days.

## **Resources**

Thank you to all the parents who regularly send in recycling to use in our creative area. We are running low on junk modelling resources at the moment so would be grateful for any donations.

## **Reading Books**

All the Reception children are making super progress with their reading. We will continue to change reading books on a Monday and Thursday. All children will be heard to read in a daily guided reading group session in addition to individual reading. Please remember to write in your child's reading log when they have read so we know that they have finished with the books sent home.

## **Show and tell**

The children are always keen to share their news and talk about toys from home.

This term we are going to focus our Show and Tell a little more. We will have show and tell sessions on a Monday and Friday afternoons based on the following topics. Please could you help your child to prepare what they want to show and tell about the following topics:

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January - My favourite animal

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January - My experiences of snow and ice

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January - My favourite place to visit with my family

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Something you might use in the kitchen

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February - My favourite toy

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me or Mrs Hainsworth if you have any worries or concerns. Alternatively, you can email me on [admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Kind regards

Mrs Chaplin