

Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

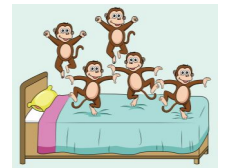
HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have shared their experiences of their Christmas and New Year celebrations with great excitement.

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds **ai**, **ee**, **igh** and **oa** and revised all of the tricky words that we have learnt so far. There are more new sounds to come next week - keep an eye out for these in your child's sound book. When reading at home, please encourage your child to hold the book, tracking the words as they read them using their index finger. As the pictures help to tell the story, make sure you talk about the pictures and text as you read through the book. We recommend children re-read their books to develop their fluency, pleasure and independence. Please sign and make a comment in your child's reading diary so we know that they have read their book at home.

In Numeracy this week, we have learnt all about the concept of zero. The children have developed their practical understanding of 'nothing there,' 'none' and 'all gone.' We learnt that the number name 'zero' and the numeral 0 can be used to represent this idea. The children were asked questions such as 'Where can you see zero?' and 'How can you make this amount into zero?' We encouraged the children to use the stem sentence 'I know this is/is not zero because....' as they explained their learning during their activities.



We enjoyed singing 'Five little monkeys jumping on the bed' and we noticed that when we got to zero, there were no monkeys left to jump.



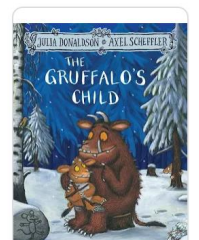
This week, we have introduced our topic, 'Wintry Worlds.' We have been looking at the children's enquiry questions and enjoyed researching facts about the Arctic and Polar bears. Next week, we will be learning all about the Antarctic and penguins.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Word of the Week: **Arctic**

How do we keep ourselves warm in the cold weather?

This week our class reader is: **The Gruffalo's Child**



Please click on the link below to share this week's song with your child.

[The Polar Bear song](#)

Thank you to RV for all the lovely buns brought into school today. The children thoroughly enjoyed selling their buns to the rest of the school. All proceeds made each week during our weekly bun sale go to our school's chosen charities. Next Friday 24th January it will be RM's Friday bun sale. Please could we ask that each child brings some buns/cakes for your child to sell in school. Your child will not need 20p that day as they can have one of their own. Please remember that we are a nut free school. Thank you!

Many thanks,

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell