

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'oo', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or' sounds. We learnt that the 'oo/oo' graphemes makes two sounds as in the words 'book' and 'boot.' We have revised the tricky words learnt so far and learnt the new tricky words 'was,' 'you' and 'they.' Please keep practising these at home with your child, little and often is always best. Next week in class, we will be learning more two-letter sounds and some more new tricky words. The sounds with two or three letters are difficult for the children to remember so any extra practice with their sound books will be very beneficial. This week we have been practising forming the letters **g** and **qu** using the letter formation phrases below to help them.

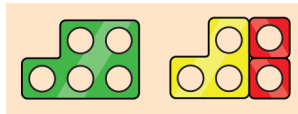


Round the goat's face and curl under its chin.



Round the queen's face, up to her crown, down her robe and a flick at the end.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about the composition of numbers up to 5. We have been using both our counting and subitising skills as a way of checking the different representations. The children have been continuing to develop their understanding of all numbers being made up of smaller numbers. We asked the children questions such as 'What do you see?' 'How do you see it?' 'What is the whole?' and 'What is the part?'



During our topic work, 'The World of Wonder-Wintery Worlds', we have been learning about Antarctica and penguins. We then researched facts about Antarctica and found animals that live there as well as penguins. Next week we will be learning all about Chinese New Year.

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

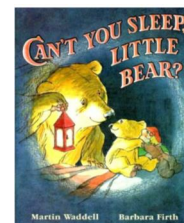
### [Five Little Penguins](#)

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

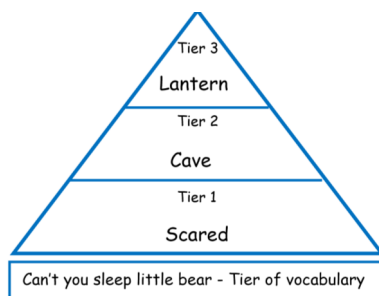
What facts can you remember about Antarctica and penguins?

Word of the Week: **Antarctica**

Our class reader this week is: **Can't you sleep little bear?**



Here are some of the words that we have been exploring from our class reader this week.



Finally, as we like to play out in all weathers, please ensure your child has a named hat and pair of gloves at school. Although it is a simple idea, attaching their gloves to their coat with a piece of elastic is a great help and will help prevent them from becoming lost!

Thank you to RM 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.

If you do have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to write them in your child's home/school book.

Many thanks  
The Reception Team