



Our Universe: Antarctica!

Reception Newsletter – Spring 1



We've very nearly reached the end of our Antarctica theme and it's been fabulous. The children have explored so many aspects of this continent and have become real life experts!

Drawing Club



Our current drawing club book is Lost and Found

Stand up vocabulary

downhearted, tearful, courageous, companion, lonesome, overjoyed

We finished this book with the challenge:

There is something malevolent lurking under the water. I wonder what it could be?

I have put your child's response onto Evidence Me for you to see just how amazing they are!



Phonics

j	v	w
-x	y	z
-zz	qu	ch
sh	th	-ng
-dge	-ve	wh
-cks	-tch	-nk



By the end of this week we will have reached /sh/ as in ship. During the half term holiday please support your child in looking over previously taught sounds – they can practise reading and writing words containing those sounds.

You will also find the cumulative sentences on the back of each page – these support your child in practising reading words containing taught sounds and helpful words.

Mathematics

We have been focusing on 'what is 7' using 10 frames to show 7 in the 5s pattern:

You can clearly see there is one full 5 and 2 of the next 5 when it is shown in this pattern

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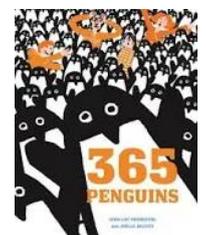
And 7 in the 2s pattern:

You can clearly see there are 3 lots of 2 and one of

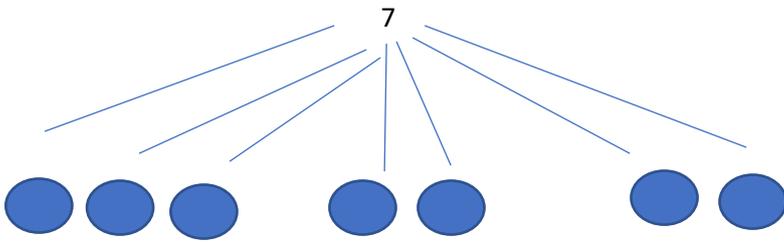
The next 2 when it is shown in this pattern

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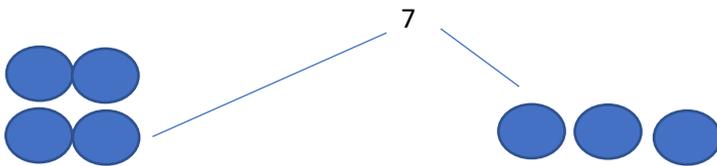
We have used the book 365 penguins to solve problems related to 7. We have explored the different ways that we can show 7



For example 7 can be: a 3 a 2 and another 2



7 can be a 4 and 3



Continuous Provision

Some of our enhancements within our classroom environment:

- Printing with 3d shapes to help us to see and explore the properties
- Following instructions to draw an orca
- Exploring painting on tinfoil
- Using tweezers to rescue the snow balls
- Reading captions during our chopstick challenge
- Exploring amounts using our subitising skills
- Valentines line art
- Creating our own love monsters using playdough
- Creating our own pom pom love bugs

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We have been exploring people who are special and why they are special. We have looked at our own family members and friends and spoken about what makes you a good friend.

We have begun to learn about the Sikh religion and Guru Nanak, someone who is extremely special to Sikhs.

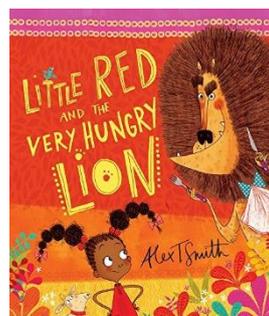
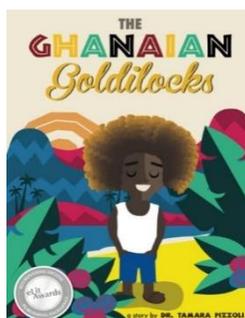
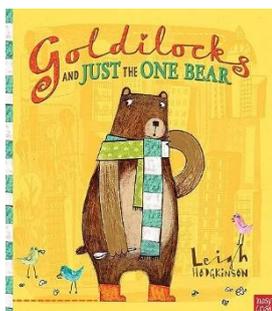
Mystery Reader

A huge thank you to everyone so far who has been a Mystery Reader, the children absolutely love it!

If you or a family member can spare half an hour and would like to read a story to the class, please do get in touch.

Next half term – Spring 2 our theme will be ‘Twisted Tales’

We will be focusing on the following books:



If you have any questions, please do get in touch via email

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