

Reception Class Newsletter

A warm welcome back to the start of an exciting new year. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have many engaging learning opportunities planned for the children. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated!

The children sound like they have all had fun over the Christmas break. Thank you for the fantastic holiday homework. We have loved finding out what you did and how you celebrate. If you didn't manage to send it in this week, we would be delighted if your child did it next week instead.



Our focus text this week, has been "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. The children have loved the chance to explore the story through drama and movement. We have talked about what we would take on a bear hunt, writing some fantastic lists. They have also loved exploring in our new role-play area with its very own bear hunt areas. The children have taken it in turns to 'hotseat', taking on the role of the bear and asking and answering questions. We conducted experiments on some ice balloons and explored instant snow too.



In maths, we have counted forwards and backwards to given numbers. We have also noticed numbers missing on a number line or number square.



In Read Write Inc, the children have been consolidating our set one sounds and, for those who are ready, moving onto our set 2 sounds beginning with ay, ee and igh.

A request

Next week, we will be making binoculars to go bear spotting with. Please send in any cardboard tubes. (Not toilet roll tubes, kitchen or wrapping paper tubes are perfect)

Upcoming dates

16th January - Bring a Bear Day (details below)

6th February - Reception class trip to Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester (details to follow)

15th March - Reception Class assembly (details to follow)

"Bring a Bear" day reminder

The Reception children are invited to bring their favourite bear to school on **Wednesday 16th January** for some "beary" special activities. We will go for a real bear hunt around the school grounds. We will also make honey sandwiches to share with our bears during snack time. *Please come and ask if you have any questions!*



Super stars

Well done to Teal and Jack S who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!



Well done to Freddie R and Daniel who are the VIP's this week. Super manners!

Mystery Reader

If you would like to be our mystery reader, then please sign up as we have a few slots available. You are very welcome to have a second turn.



Have a great weekend and we'll see you all on Monday,

*Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson
Miss Lewington and Mrs Brooker*