



# Peek at the Week

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

It is lovely to have the children back at school. We hope you had a lovely holiday and made the most of the good weather. The children wrote about things they had done and some of the writing was brilliant.



Our topic this term is hot and cold places, starting with cold places. Our focus has been looking at information books about polar bears. We have read 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?' in small groups. We have turned our role play area into an ice cave and the children have made fishing rods and have been fishing for magnetic fish with high frequency words and phonics sounds on them. We threaded foam flakes to make snow and some of the children made icicles. We talked about the Arctic and found it on a globe. We shared facts we had learnt about polar bears. We made snowy polar bear pictures and polar bear masks and we have explored the properties of ice. In Maths we have been working on subtraction, taking objects away from groups and writing the calculations using the - and = signs, as well as making up subtraction stories. We wrote some facts about polar bears. Lots of us wrote one, two or three sentences independently. We changed the words of We're Going on a Bear Hunt to 'Polar Bear hunt' and acted out the story with musical instruments and props.

**THANKYOU** to everyone who came to the parents' evenings before the holiday. It was good to have the time to talk with you about how your children are progressing. Thank you also to the parents that attended the Phonics Share Morning. We hope you found it interesting and enlightening, and that it answered some of the questions you have about how we teach phonics in Reception.

**STAY AND PLAY** We are going to be starting Stay and Play sessions this term. These will be on a Tuesday morning from 9.00 to 10.00. We will invite a group of parents each week (one parent for each child). The first session will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and parents of the following children are invited to attend - **Poppy, George, Caleb, Scarlett, Riley and Jasmine**. There will be a special activity session for the nursery children after Easter.



Waveney Class's Star of the Week is **Jasmine Godbold** who has done fantastic reading, writing and number work this week. Well done, Jasmine, we hope you have fun with Star the Pony!

## ★ THIS WEEK'S ★ READING STARS



**Silver**  
Caleb, Poppy  
**Gold**  
Summer, Reuben.  
Kayden  
**Platinum**  
Henry, Eden  
**WELL DONE!**

## HOME LEARNING!

**NURSERY** Ask a grownup to write some numbers in circles. Can you finger paint the correct number of spots?

**RECEPTION** Tell some subtraction stories using your toys or other objects, e.g. "There are 10 cars in the garage. 3 drive away. There are 7 left." See if you can write a subtraction story using the high frequency words and phonics that you have learnt.

Have a super weekend! The Early Years Team