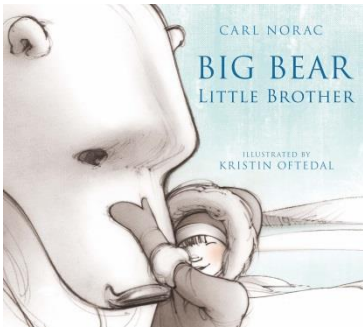


Friday 28th January



We've had a lovely week in Waveney Class. Continuing with Cold Places, our theme book was *Big Bear Little Brother* by Carl Novak. The children listened to the story and discussed the characters and events. They wrote simple poems by inserting a word to complete sentence, such as *My polar bear is as soft as...* We learnt lots of facts about polar bears and chose some of the facts to write. Darlie explained to us how polar bears are camouflaged in the snow. We are impressed with the progress the children are making with their writing – lots of them are using their knowledge of phonics to write words and sentences. The

children enjoyed making polar bear faces on paper plates and decorating biscuits to look like polar bears too.



We also looked at the beautiful illustrations by Kristin Oftedal and reproduced them using only black and white drawing materials.

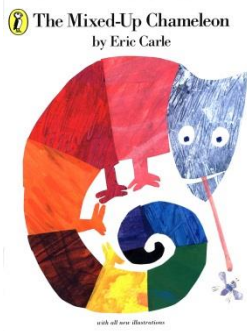
We listened to the music *Clair de Lune* by Claude Debussy and made marks with paint to express how the music made us feel.



In Maths we have been working on number 13, counting and finding totals, adding 1/2/3/4/5 more to a number and giving the total, and finding the number bonds of 13. We ordered heights using the language **taller shorter tallest shortest**. We also made repeating patterns with 2 or 3 different coloured bears. Some children even used 4 different colours.

The Nursery children have been learning about shapes. They made shape pictures and went on a shape hunt outside. They have enjoyed experimenting with gloop, playing with wild animals and with cars on ramps. They have also begun working on Phase 1 phonics – discriminating between sounds - going on a sound walk and recreating what they heard.

In Phonics, the children are revising reading and writing letters, words and sentences using single letter phonemes and double letters (ff, ll, ss) using the Bug Club resources, before we move on to revision of the beginning of Phase 3, then learn the rest of the Phase 3 digraphs.



We have learnt about our final ELLI character – Changing Chameleon who doesn't say "I can't do it", but says "I can't do it **yet**", because learners are learning all the time. The children really enjoyed watching an animated version of The Mixed-Up Chameleon by Eric Carle.

★ THIS WEEK'S ★
READING STARS

Silver
Ernie
Gold and Diamond
Darlie

WELL DONE!



Our Star of the Week this week is Lyla. She has done some good counting and addition, some wonderful writing and she concentrated really hard on reproducing the book illustration. Well done, Lyla.



Reminder! If you haven't yet paid and given permission for the storyteller event next Wednesday, could you do this by Monday please. There are also a few children who haven't yet brought back their permission slips.

Friday is the day we change our library books. Several children are forgetting to bring their book and haven't chosen a new story for a few weeks.

Although Monday is a special Maths Day, the children will still be doing PE in the afternoon, so will need to come to school dressed in PE kit, but with a number/shape as part of their clothing if they wish.

Well done! To all the children that did their home learning this week – we have enjoyed looking at it on Tapestry.

Home Learning

- Nursery** What can you find in your house/outdoors that makes a noise? Can you make the sound with your voice?
- Reception** Practise reading and writing the words on your strings. When you can write them really well, choose a word and put it into a sentence. You could write the sentences.

Have a lovely weekend, Waveney Class Team