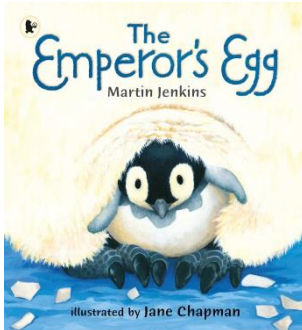


Thursday 17th February



We have been very busy in Waveney Class over the last two weeks. Last week we focussed on the Antarctic and the South Pole – the features and the creatures that live there. We used the non-fiction book 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins and found out lots of facts about penguins. We wrote facts and also compared body features of penguins and humans, using the relevant vocabulary. We worked as a group and used a variety of resources to create a snowy landscape with penguins. The Reception children had the task of designing something to protect an egg so that



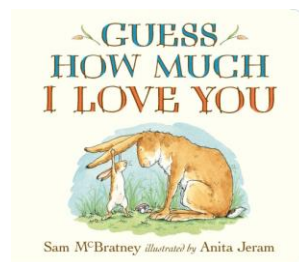
it wouldn't break when shaken. They chose lots of soft materials to line a box with and the eggs didn't crack. We learnt about some explorers that travelled to Antarctica and were very excited to learn that Darlie is related to Captain Oates who tried to get to the South Pole over 100 years ago!



In Maths we learnt about 15 in a range of contexts, including finding possible number bonds. We identified numbers and counted out penguins to 10 and beyond and some children grouped and counted them in 5s. We revised 3D shapes by creating penguins using cylinders, cuboids or cones. Some children cut out a template from card and folded it to make a 3D cuboid.

This week we focussed on 16. We counted forwards and backwards on a number line. We also used mathematical language to describe everyday objects.

This week, as it was St Valentine's Day on Monday, we read the stories 'Guess How Much I Love You' and some other stories about characters that showed that they loved each other in different ways. We wrote messages to someone we love and made a Valentine's Day card with a message to someone we love too.



The Nursery children have also been working hard on writing their names and have even used letters in the sand to put the letters of their name in order. They had lots of fun pretending to buy and sell shoes in a shoe shop. They have explored lots of sensory materials, such as gloop and soap flakes and have been describing what things feel like. They have enjoyed playing with the new emergency Duplo and are keen to have a fire station and police station in the role play area after the holiday. They have explored different sounds that musical instruments make. They have also been getting good at the days of the week song, practising it every day to find out what day it is.



In Phonics, we learnt the digraphs igh oa oo (as in hood) oo (as in look) ar or and ur. Some children have been revising ck e u r h b f.

The children have really enjoyed the forest school sessions, especially eating marshmallows toasted on a real fire. This week the nursery children visited the forest school too.



★ THIS WEEK'S ★

READING STARS

Silver
Lyla
Gold
Ollie
Barclay
Emily-Aliza
Platinum
Darlie



Our Star of the Week last week was Lucas. He worked very hard and tried his best with everything this week, including his reading and writing some letter sounds. Well done, Lucas!

Well done also to Lyla and Alfie who received Strategic Thinking awards for their design and technology work – designing and creating something to protect an egg.

Our home learning star for this half term is Darlie. We hope you enjoy using your prize!

Thank you to George's dad and our caretaker, Mr Curtis, who worked together to put our new monkey bars frame together. The children have been shown how to use them safely.



Please note The login for Bug Club requires a school code which is 73wr (lower case letters). The website is <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>.

Thank you for attending the parents' consultations this week. Don't forget the book share session on the morning of the first Friday after half term (4th March).

Home Learning

Nursery Practise writing your name. Can you clap the syllables of your name and other people in your family. Ask mummy or daddy to photograph your writing and add it to Tapestry.

Reception Find pictures of countryside scenes and talk about the features. Draw or stick pictures to make your own countryside picture. Can you include some signs that spring is coming? We'd love to see them on Tapestry.

Have a lovely week, Waveney Class Team!