



Friday 18th January



This week we started our topic for the half term Cold Places. Our environment has transformed into the polar regions and we even have an igloo! We have been learning about different types of cold environments, animals that live in them and what we need to wear when it is cold. We have produced a mind map about all our wonderful ideas. Our topic book is an information text all about penguins, and we have been exploring new vocabulary based on these fascinating creatures who survive in such extreme weather conditions.

Nursery have been counting out to match a number, putting buttons on a snowman. Please help your child count out objects at home. Reception have been adding penguins, demonstrating their mathematical knowledge.

In letters and sounds Nursery have been following phase 1 phonics, including rhyming, alliteration, environmental sounds and songs: reading books or singing songs to your child will help them with their listening skills. Reception children have been practicing phase 2 phonics. Please ask your child to share what they are learning at school with you!

Reception will continue to visit Forest School on either a Wednesday or a Thursday afternoon. Please check class dojo for updates. As we go out in all weathers you are welcome to provide extra clothes, hats and gloves to keep them warm; school provides waterproofs and wellies.

Notice Board/Dates for your Diary

TOPIC – Cold Places

- **Bright and Beautiful Day – Wednesday 23rd January – Non-uniform with a £1 donation to Dr Kershaw's hospice. Children must wear bright colours, Teddy bear biscuits will be on sale after school for 50p.**
- Reception assembly 7th February- details to follow.
- We have an EYFS Parents Email which you are welcome to send any comments or enquiries to: eyfsparents@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk
- Please continue to write names in all your child's clothing including hats and gloves.
- We value any observations you take of your child at home to add to their learning journey.
- Please continue to check Class Dojo, we love to read any of your comments!

At Home

Ideas to help at home –
Number of the week is 9
Reception – Penguin numbers and facts.
Encourage your child to practise writing their tricky words The, to, I, no, go, we, me, be, he, she.
Nursery: encourage children to write their names and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond.

Child's voice

Annaleece: An arctic fox jumps to break ice to catch.
Fareed: A penguin stands in a huddle to keep warm.
Max: Penguins live in Antarctica.
Anaya: A baby penguin is grey.
Naomi: Penguins have feathers not fur.

General Reminders

- Please check out our website blog and leave any comments!: www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk and click on the EYFS page.
- Please ensure your child has a **spare change of clothes** (these can stay in our blue peg bags at school).