

# Reception News

Spring 1 Week 3 - 19th January 2024

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been learning more of our digraphs. We have looked at **oo**, **oo**, **ar** and **or**. We learnt that (like **th**) the digraph **oo** makes two different sounds (short **oo** as in **book** and long **oo** as in **pool**). We have tried Magic Stars, cookies (**oo**) and Oreos...mmm! We have been practising writing all of these sounds too and our handwriting is really improving!
- ◆ The children have been learning lots of facts about **penguins**. They have asked lots of questions about penguins too! They labelled the different parts of an Emperor Penguin and were encouraged to think about adjectives to describe those different parts (e.g. long beak).
- ◆ We decorated our own penguin masks, which helped us to practise our cutting and colouring skills.
- ◆ We have really been enjoying ourselves by dancing to the song "Penguins, Attention!" and singing along to the "Party Penguins" rap from Andy's Wild Adventures too.

Penguins, penguins  
everywhere!!!

Making a Penguin  
huddle to keep warm!!!

## Homework

### Literacy

- Sounds - especially new digraphs **oo**, **oo**, **ar** and **or** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please write us a comment to let us know how your child managed with their reading.*
- Sight words

### Maths

- Go on a "3D Shape Hunt" looking for 3D shapes around the home (cubes, cuboids, spheres, pyramids, cones & cylinders). *How many of each 3D shape can you find?* You could stick a photo of the shapes that you find in your yellow book - we'd love to see how many you manage to find on your hunt! (We call 3D shapes "**fat**" shapes & 2D shapes are "**flat**" shapes).
- **I Spy number 8** - can your child find & draw a circle around all the different ways of representing number 8.