

Reception News

Spring 1 week 1 - 9th January 2026

What have we been learning?

Even though we have only had four days in school this week, we have been very busy!...

- ◆ We have been loved exploring our new areas inside the classroom which are linked to our “**Frozen Lands**” theme for this half-term. We have especially enjoyed cuddling the penguin reading teddies as we are looking at the books in our Reading Area & playing with the blue sparkly playdough! We have also loved using the new equipment in our Outside Area too.
- ◆ This week we have been recapping some of our digraphs (“Two letters making one sound!”), before we start to learn some new digraphs next week. We have looked again at the **sh, th, ng & nk** digraphs. We have been practising writing words independently which include those digraphs - **wish, sing** etc.
- ◆ We have thinking about the **7ness of 7** in our maths sessions. We have looked at different groups of 7 objects & also investigated the different ways that 7 can be represented.

Wintery activities

Transient snowflake art using bead strings & glass beads.

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - especially the digraphs **sh, th, ng** and **nk** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *Please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child manages with their reading books at home. We really do value your comments.*
- Sight words - especially “of”, which lots of the children seem to be saying as “off” when we recap the tricky words quickly at the start of our Phonics sessions.

Maths

I Spy number 7 - can your child find & draw a circle around all the different ways of representing number 7?