

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 5 – 6th February 2026

What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been thinking about the **9ness of 9** in our maths sessions. We have looked at different groups of 9 objects & also the different ways that 9 can be represented. We have also started to record addition number sentences by using the + and = symbols to show the totals of the amount of dots on different dominoes.
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions this week we have been learning the last of our digraphs and trigraphs - we have learnt so many and done so well! This week we have looked at **air** and **er**. We tasted mini **fairy** cakes for **air** and gingerbread men biscuits for **er**. We have been practising writing these sounds in words too!
- ◆ The children have been learning lots of facts about Antarctica this week. They have been really interested and have asked lots of questions! They were especially fascinated to learn that, although scientists and tourists can go to visit, no one actually lives in Antarctica!
- ◆ As it has been National Storytelling Week, we have enjoyed listening to even more stories than we usually do!

Building lots of dens using the equipment in our Outside Area.

Balancing with a partner in our PE session.

Homework

Literacy

- Sounds - especially the new sounds **air** and **er** and practise correct formation of letters.
- Reading books - *please write us a comment every week to let us know how your child managed with their books at home, thank you. **We really do value your comments.***
- Sight words - It really does help the children to become much more fluent with their reading if they are able to recognise taught "tricky words" without needing to blend them.

Maths

- **I Spy number 9** - can your child find & draw a circle around all the different ways of representing number 9?