

Reception News

Spring 1 Week 6 – 13th February 2026

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week has been our Little Wandle Phonics assessment week, so we have been practising our digraphs and trigraphs. We have been trying hard to both read and write words containing these sounds independently too.
- ◆ In Maths we have been thinking about the order of numbers, using the language of more/less. We have also been learning to write the number **10** correctly with the help of “**Tia 10**” on Ten Town. We now know that the number 10 is made up of one 10 and a zero (*not 1 & zero because that would be number 1*).
- ◆ 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! They absolutely loved participating in a live lesson with the explorer Steve Backshall on Tuesday afternoon too.

Painting the snowy/icy part of our Antarctica collages.

Our live lesson with Steve Backshall.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was “Safer Internet Day”. This week we have talked about how to be safe when we are using the Internet as we read the story “**Smartie the Penguin**” and we found out how he learnt to keep safe when using the Internet too. We learnt a little rhyme to help us to remember -

“Before you click, click, click, you need to think, think, think and TELL SOMEONE!”.

Homework

Literacy

- **10 things to take to Antarctica** - Your child doesn't need to write these themselves, they can tell you & you could scribe for them. We're looking for suggestions of things like hats, gloves, jumpers, scarves, boots, thick socks, coats, sunglasses (yes, really!), cameras, a picnic, a tent, etc.
- Sounds - please can you recap the recently covered digraphs & trigraphs in the purple sound books?
- 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 - a new set will be sent home next week.

Maths

- Practise forming number **10** in their yellow books and on the Ten Town website, along with recognising all of the taught numbers from 0 - 10.