

Reception Newsletter

Welcome Back and Happy New Year.



**This term's learning theme is:
Around the World, Icy Adventures and Magical Skies.**

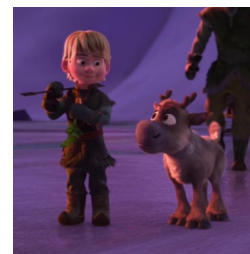
Icy Adventures and Magical Skies possible activities, as many activities may be led by your child:

- ~ Finding out about huskies, painting them, making them, meeting one.
- ~ Factual work on Huskies including 'The Great Race of Mercy.' Linked to the Disney 'Balto' film.
- ~ Collecting information about animals which live in the Arctic and the Antarctic.
- ~ Writing information books about Polar Bears and Penguins.
- ~ Story based work on Penguins and Polar bears: 'Solo,' 'The March of the Penguins,' 'Polar Bear Son,' 'The Magic Sky' 'The Big Dark.'
- ~ Poems, as a list using Polar animals/environment sounds.
- ~ Creating magical skies.
- ~ Making 2D and 3D polar animals in their environments.
- ~ Investigating water, icebergs, ice freezing and melting.



The Physical Development focus this half term includes:

- ~ Using tools with playdough and clay to make animals.
- ~ Developing and refining cutting skills to create collages.



Special visitors and events:

- ~ Owls visited Tuesday 8th January. We hope they had a snowy one!
- ~ Creating our own Scientific Research Igloo outside, with: fishing facilities, sleigh, diaries, microscopes, magnifying glasses, binoculars, animals from the poles, postcards to write home, posters, facts, cameras, videos, voice recording equipment and laptops.
- ~ Using sandcastle buckets to create ice castles.
- ~ Creating Husky kennels inside where each dog has his or her own: name card, exercise



How to help your child at home:

- ~ Continue to listen to your child read; the benefits are crucial to your child's development.
- ~ Help your child to read the words from the word walls, or have a go at spelling some!
- ~ Use the laminated sheets we will give out to help with letter and number formation.
- ~ Continue to encourage your child to dress and fasten clothing.
- ~ Observe atlases and globes together. Find the UK and the Polar Regions.
- ~ Discuss: Polar animals, the Polar environment and Polar expeditions!

A massive thank you all for the gorgeous cards, well wishes and gifts, they

