

# EYFS NEWSLETTER

## Happy New Year from EYFS!



It has been a busy start to the new year in EYFS! Reception are flying through their sounds and are busy blending like Fred the Frog and practicing reading those green words!

Nursery have been very busy creating wonderful artwork and learning all about countries. Look inside for more about the amazing adventures of Pip the Penguin.

In Reception the classes have had a big focus on writing their numbers and the Number Formation Station has proved very popular! It is really tricky to remember how to write the numbers the right way round so the children are getting lots of practice and encouragement!

In Maths, Reception are trying to master the difficult skill of working out one more and one less than a number! The children are looking forward to showing their grown ups their new skills in the first Spring Term Maths Monday Workshop!

Children are enjoying participating in Talk Time sessions with Mrs Nicol where their language skills and vocabulary are developed through fun games and activities!

Goldilocks and the Three Bears is providing the basis for lots of activities and learning in Reception. We hope you have fun learning the Goldilocks rap at home from the children's Rhyme Books!



# The Adventures of Pip the Penguin by St John's Nursery



< St John's Nursery ⓘ

Wow! Wow. Thank you so much you wrote to me. I'm so excited to see this. It looks wonderful! The children have a lot of talent!!!

Thank you ❤️

Leonid Afremov





This half term's topic has been centred around Oliver Jeffers book 'Lost and Found' which is about a little boy and a penguin.

The children were delighted to see the arrival of 'Pip' the penguin to the nursery. Pip has since left to find his family in the South Pole. However, on the way he is visiting several other countries, and sends a postcard from each country!

His first stop was Africa, and the children have been taking part in lots of activities relating to African culture. They have helped to make a wonderful painting which is displayed in the nursery, and have been studying the various animals you might see in Africa, and in particular at the patterns on their bodies.

Next, Pip visited China, and the children have been learning all about Chinese New Year and the year of the Rooster.

His next stop was America, where of course all the children can relate to films and movies featuring Disney characters such as princesses!

The picture on the left shows a message that Nursery received from the artist who inspired their painting of a cold scene!



## Don't forget....

- ◆ Please check your child's book bag each evening for letters or notes.
- ◆ Please return dinner menus by **Wednesday** at the latest.

# Happy January Birthdays to...

## Nursery

Terry

Ben

Nada

## Funnybones

Sonny

Isabella

## Gruffalos

Ava

Betsy

## EASY PEASY PLAYDOUGH RECIPE!!

You will need.....

1 cup of flour

1 cup of water

1/2 cup of salt

2 tablespoons cream of tartar

2 tablespoons cooking oil

1-2 tablespoons of food colouring/ flavouring (for scented playdough!)

What to do....

Stir together and microwave for about 3 minutes, stirring once or twice.

Have fun!! Why not try pink strawberry scented playdough!

## Our Mission Statement

“Christ is the Centre of our School Community  
where we live, love and learn together”