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Ash Class Newsletter

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Happy New Year from Ash Class! We have started 2018 with our 'Exploring Polar Regions' topic. The children are really enjoying the Polar roleplay area, igloo building, Antarctic penguin small world play and much more....

CLL: We have begun our Polar Topic focusing on the Inuit traditional tale "The Polar Bear Son" through retelling, story mapping and labelling key parts.



Maths: We have focused on numbers to 20, addition and time over the past two weeks. The children have enjoyed using bingo dabbers to pictorially represent numbers, ordering polar bears, making calendars and weighing snowballs in the roleplay.

Understanding the World: Over the past two weeks we have planted and watered our Amaryllis plant, used 'snow blocks' to build igloos, roleplayed living in the Arctic in our small world.



Expressive Arts and Design: We have worked on our weaving skills when making our calendars, painted snowmen, made playdough polar bears and junk modelled snow vehicles.



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Here are a few topic related activity ideas to try at home:

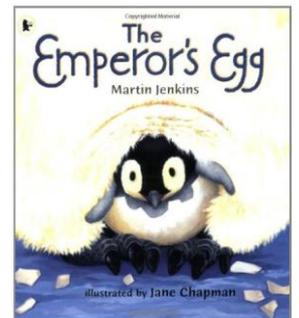
- Find out more about the Polar Regions by researching using books in the library, online or visiting a museum (such as The Polar Museum in Cambridge or Saffron Walden Museum have an Ice Age exhibition currently).
- Read stories about the Arctic and Antarctic, such as 'The Emperor's Egg', 'And Tango Makes Three' or 'Lost and Found'.
- Practice measuring and capacity skills by making some sensory 'snow dough' (mix 2 cups of cornflour and half a cup of vegetable oil, and glitter too if you like!)



homemade
Snow Dough!



sensory
play!
the imagination tree



Have you tried any of the activities or noticed your child talking about any of the topics we have been learning about recently? If so, please let us know below:

Many thanks,
Hannah Robinson-Moore