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Ash Class Newsletter

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We have been focusing on our Polar topic for the past two weeks. Here are some of our highlights:

CLL: We have been innovating the story of "The Polar Bear Son" to create our own versions. They have been very inventive, including penguins, fish, hippopotamuses and even Cinderella!

We have also been mark making in our garage, mud kitchen and water area.



Maths: We have been focusing on counting with one to one correspondence and using numicon. Reception have consolidated knowledge of teen numbers and 20's.

Understanding the World: We have investigated the properties of ice, made bird feeders, explored the forest and even had a visit from Hertford Museum!



Expressive Arts and Design: We have designed water flows using our new guttering and stands, painted, collaged and drawn polar animals and improved our cutting skills whilst making snowflakes.



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

- We have been learning about birds in winter in our forest school sessions. Please hang the bird feeder in a tree or bush near your home. It is the RSPB's bird watching weekend, so if you have the chance, complete the questionnaire attached.
- Use one-to-one counting skills in day to day activities; how many toys are we tidying into the basket? How would there be if we add one more? How many if we take one away?
- Next week is National Storytelling Week. To celebrate this, why not go to your local library to find new stories to enjoy together, discussing characters, settings and plots. or talk about your families favourite books.

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