



# Reception Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2021



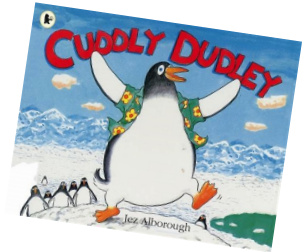
# Poles Apart



Happy New Year and Welcome back to school!! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the challenges ahead.



This half Term, we are going to be learning all about the Polar Regions. We will be locating the North and South Pole on the globe and researching which animals live there. We have a very exciting igloo role play area for the children to explore this half term including, small world animals and lots of picture books to interest the children and give them thought for writing.



As well as this, we have lots of science to get our teeth stuck into, including experimenting with freezing and melting states.

## Literacy

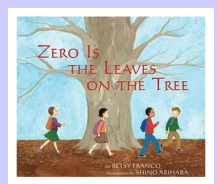
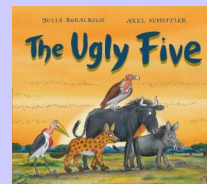
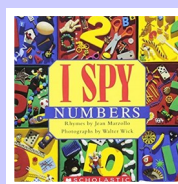
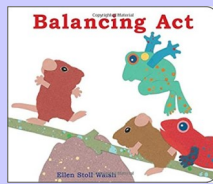
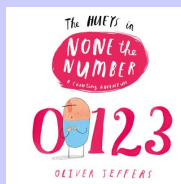
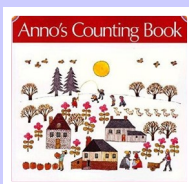
In Literacy, we will continue to learn our phonics sounds, moving onto Phase 3 phonemes– sh,ch,and th. We will continue to use our phonic skills in our writing, blending sounds together to write full words. Some of us will be ready to attempt to write sentences and children will be encouraged to use finger spaces between their words.

We have lots of exciting topic books to read this half term including fact and fiction. Titles include– The Penguin who wanted to Find out, Cuddly Dudley, Lost and Found, The Emperor's Egg and Polar Animals. These books will give us lots of stimulating ideas for our different writing genres– Penguin Fact Book, Character Descriptions, Story Recounts, Lost Poster and many more.

## Maths

In maths we will continue to follow our White Rose scheme of Maths looking at– zero as a number, comparing numbers to 5 and looking at the composition of 4 and 5 before moving on to bigger numbers. We will then be looking at pairs and combining two amounts and finding the total.

These are some of the books we are going to be reading to support your child's learning.



## Reminder

As we now do PE regularly, kits can become easily mixed up. **Please please please ensure your child's name is in all items of clothing and footwear!**

## Computing

This half term we will begin learning how to use a computer (as appose to an I pad)  
We will be researching the Arctic and cold places.  
The skills we will be focusing on are- mouse control, logging on and off a computer and programming a beebot.

## Reading Incentive

Now the first term is over and your child is settled into school life, you will be aware of how important reading is to your child's development.  
Reading books are changed every Monday and Friday.  
A reading incentive will begin the first week back– this is to encourage you to read with your child.  
All you have to do– is sign your child's diary **twice** a week and as soon as your child has collected a total of **10** signatures, they can have a dip in the treat box!

