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Our first newsletter of the spring term is packed full with all the wonderful things the children have been doing. For our topic '**Frozen Planet**' we have read 'The Curious Polar Bear' by Twinkl, 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear' by Bill Martin Jr, 'How to Ride a Polar Bear' by Caryl Hart and learnt polar bear facts.

We have also

- written about the Christmas holidays
- made snowflakes using our cutting skills
- made a 3D penguin using cutting, folding and rolling skills
- written a sentence about a picture
- been outside on a word hunt
- enjoyed painting penguins freehand
- enjoyed role-play in our igloo tent
- loved playing the drums in music
- used pastels to draw the northern lights

In maths, we have learnt to recognise, continue and build simple patterns. We have also learnt to count up to 8 objects using concrete representations, including the ten-frame. The children have been introduced to counters as a representation of an amount for the first time.

In phonics, the children continue to practise their sounds with some children being introduced to 'special friends' *th*, *ch*, *sh*. Children are writing words using their Fred talk and some have begun to write short, simple sentences.

Kind regards

Mrs. Blackford, Mrs. Dawson and all the reception team

Drawing the northern lights



Cutting our snowflakes



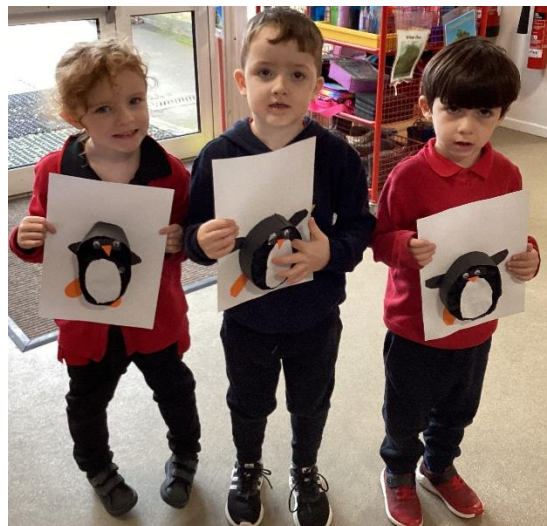
Making patterns in maths



Building a snow scene



Making our 3D penguins



Freehand drawing and painting our penguins



Playing the drums in music

