

Dear Parents

We have really enjoyed the photos and videos of your children engaging in the 'Home Learning' activities last week - it really is a lovely way for us to keep in touch with them and I enjoy engaging with them via my responses to your messages. Hopefully your child is enjoying the activities we have been preparing each week and that you are getting time and opportunities to engage with them.

\*\* Please remember to check our webpage often for new updates, stories, rhymes, activities and videos - most links are accessed by clicking on the titles printed in green.

This week our learning focus will be learning about 'The Polar Regions' This will introduced this via an online video on our webpage - please use online resources, books and stories to initiate discussion with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Polar regions. In Pre-School we use a world globe and world atlas as visuals to engage children's interest and talk about the location of the North and South Pole. Talk to your child about the various animals found at Arctic regions - Polar Bears, Penguins, Arctic Fox, Reindeer or Caribou etc. We also introduce Inuit/Eskimo people as we develop children's multicultural awareness - talk about igloos and living at the Arctic.

\*\*We have uploaded power point presentations about Polar Bears & Penguins for you and your child to watch together and will have some stories about polar bears, and penguins read by staff online for your child to enjoy.

**Activities this week include:**

Make a Polar Bear craft activity

Make a Penguin craft activity - \*\*instructions to make this is online with Lorraine & Molly - A Penguin Poem to learn

Busy Book activity using the 'How To Draw A Penguin' sheet

Cutting & Sticking Penguin Counting & Number Recognition Activity

To build on your child's learning activity about recognising their name last week we have included some playdough and a playdough mat in this week's pack - please encourage them to roll out the dough and form their name.

\*\* For a last 'Winter' related activity we would love a winter scene painted by your child for a wall display we plan to prepare to welcome your child back to Pre-School. We've included some paper for this - If you would like some white paint or glitter please ask and we can provide this