

Willow's Weekly Review

Friday 11th January 2019



Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see the children's happy and enthusiastic faces again on Monday. I enjoyed hearing about holiday news and their hopes and targets for the coming year. As part of the SCITT, trainee teachers spend time in two different placement schools and whilst Mrs McKeever is working in another school gaining experience from an older year group, Mrs Ballester has joined us and we are delighted to have her! We even sang our 'Getting to know you' song to her, which she enjoyed.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Balls and Mrs Ballester



Curriculum News

We have had a very busy first week and the children have completed lots of work. In Maths, we have been revising numbers one more and one less than (even our class Paddington Bear was involved with this!), fact families using addition and subtraction and writing numbers and their word names. Thank you to those of you who were able to practise some number work with your child. At this age repetition is key, so please continue to point out numbers to them and ask them simple addition and subtraction calculations e.g. $2+1=$ (one more than 2) or $8-1=$ (one less than 8).

In English, we have written our holiday news, our New Year Resolutions, sorted fact and fiction sentences and written words with the suffix 'ing.'



We have begun our Enrichment topic on Arctic Adventures and have thought a little about the differences between the Arctic and Antarctic. I am sure the children have told you about their flight to Antarctica where they had an amazing experience, although they did encounter turbulence during the flight! On Wednesday afternoon,



we were fortunate enough to hear a talk by a member of the Scott Polar Institute. He showed us photographs, told us about the climate and the clothing he needed to wear when he was there.

Home Learning

This week the children have a 'fact family' sheet to practise writing addition and subtraction calculations. Due in on Tuesday 15th January.

Independence

As we are now in the second term of Year 1, it is important for the children to become more independent. We are encouraging them to hang up their coats, put their reading folder into the correct box and take their water bottles into the classroom on their own.

Diary Dates

The Family Work team are running several friendly, informal workshops, which all families are invited to attend. Both take place at Bourn School, there is one session called 'Raising Teens' on 16th January 6.30-7.30pm and another 3 sessions called 'Supporting your child through Reception' which starts on 23rd January between 6.30-7.30pm and runs for 3 weeks. Please email office@bourn.cambs.sch.uk to register your interest.

Half-term Holiday: **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February**

Willow Community Assembly: **Friday 22nd March**

End of term: **Friday 5th April**

