

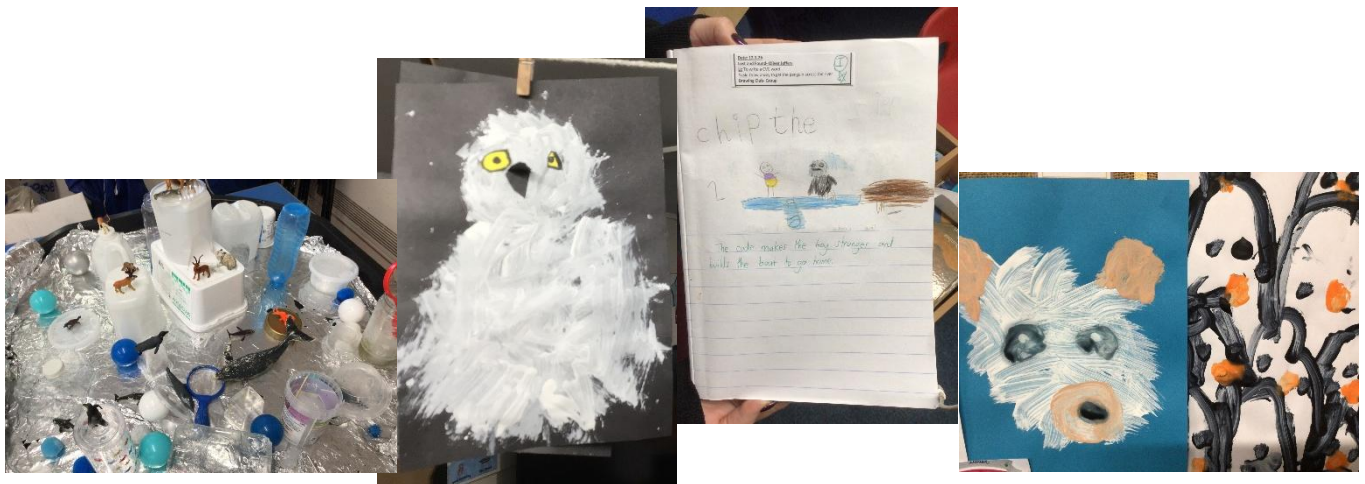
# Reception Round Up

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January

## Snapshot of the Week

What an exciting first two weeks back after Christmas! We kicked off our new topic 'Habitat Safari' with a focus on Polar animals. We learnt about the Arctic and Antarctica and which animals you might find there. We immersed ourselves in all things polar, through our 'Arctic Adventures' roleplay corner and Drawing Club - where we read 'Lost and Found' and 'Penguin'. In our creative area, we made penguin and polar bear-based art - focusing on negative space, line, shape & colour. We have also thoroughly enjoyed the ice and snow and have even brought the outside in!

In Maths, we have been looking at building step towers from 1-5, spotting the pattern and recognising that each tower is one more.



## Phonics

We have been focusing heavily on digraphs (zz/qu/ch/sh/th). We have also been discussing how /th/ can make two different sounds!

We have also been practising reading the tricky words: he she / we / be / me. We looked at how to use the initial sound to help us work out which Tricky Word it is and then identifying which sound was 'trying to trick us'.

## Ways to Help at Home

Ask your child to spot the digraph before they attempt to segment the word. Try the prompt, "I can spot a digraph! Can you see it?"

Pick up the errors in letter/number formation as your child writes them. This prevents incorrect habits from forming. Remember, formation doesn't have to be practised with pen and paper!