



Friday 7th January

Our penguin theme has been extremely popular with the children. This is predominantly a non-fiction based theme for us. We have used the book *The Emperor's Egg* to base our discussions on this week. Next week we will continue our penguin theme, with lots of craft and the used of some video clips. We will also discuss animals that live in the Arctic in contrast to penguins, who live at the Antarctic.

Now that we have introduced the sounds to the children we will recap them all over the next few weeks. Most of the children have found them very hard to retain. We will also focus heavily on reading and spelling the tricky words we have introduced so far.

Our maths theme next week will be combining 2 groups of objects to make a total up to 10.

After half term both classes will be having gymnastics coaching with Andrea from Bromsgrove Gymnastics Club. This will be on Wednesday afternoons.

Most children are really good at getting themselves dressed now, but some children really are struggling. Because of the timing slots for our gym sessions the children will need to get themselves dressed quickly and independently. Please do all you can to encourage your child to dress themselves at home.

There will be **NO FOREST SCHOOL** for either class next week.

Please teach your child to blow their nose.

We have no girls pants in our spare clothes box. If you have any spares at home please send to school. Accidents do happen, so please make sure that spare underwear is in your child's P.E. bag.

Homework

This week's homework is all to do with number 8. We do not expect you to do all the activities on the sheet. Please use Tapestry to share the experiences.