



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY NEWS
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have continued to learn about winter and in particular the weather that we might experience. Unfortunately, it has been rather wet and windy rather than cold and frosty, which means we have only been able to talk about what ice, frost and snow is rather than experience it first-hand.

This week we have shared many books related to wintry weather. One of our favourites was *The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats*. It tells the story of a little boy named Peter who has a day full of adventure in the snow. Peter wakes up one morning and looks out of his window to see everything covered in snow. Peter put on his snowsuit and went outside to play where he made tracks with his feet and found a stick to hit the snow on the trees. He wanted to play with the big boys who were having a snowball fight, but he knew that he could not because he was not old enough. So instead, Peter decides to go make a snowman, snow angels, pretended to be a mountain climber, and slid down a mountain of snow. Peter wanted to save some snow for tomorrow, so he makes a snowball and put it in his pocket, but when he goes to look at the snowball before bed, it isn't there. The snowball had melted. It is a great story to teach how it only snows when it is cold outside, and that heat makes snow melt.



Following the story, we have made models of snowmen using 'Magic Dough'. This is a soft air-drying material that allows for easy moulding. The children selected materials and objects to use for features.

Continuing with our winter theme, exploring ice has been causing lots of excitement! We played 'pass the ice cube', using our senses to discover what happens to it. The children were encouraged to talk about what the ice cube felt like and what was happening to it as they passed it to each other.

In maths, we are learning about basic shapes, focussing on circles and introducing associated vocabulary such as edge, curve.

In phonics we have introduced the letters 'f' and 'h'. We will be focussing on rhyming words over the coming weeks.

In PE, the children have explored moving creatively around the room, using ribbons to represent snowflakes.

Please ensure that your child has shorts and trainers for PE on a Wednesday. When purchasing trainers, please consider if your child can put them on by themselves. There are many new styles of trainer that are very difficult to put on. Casual pumps should not be worn due to poor support and not being non slip.

Library books

This week your child will have bought home a library book. They will keep this for one week, before returning it and exchanging for a new one. An information leaflet was also sent home, offering support on how to ask questions about the story.

Clothing

Please ensure your child wears a warm coat, gloves and hat. All need to be clearly named. We encourage children to place hats and gloves inside the sleeve of their coat to make it easier to find them. Please do not put hats and gloves inside book bags.

Please name and add a big loop on **All** jumpers, cardigans and coats. **There are many items of clothing that have no loops or name.** A piece of ribbon can be threaded and tied through the clothing label.

Tights!

We are in real need of tights for our spare's cupboard. If you have any outgrown tights, please donate them to us.

If you have any of our spare clothing, please return as soon as possible.

Water bottles

Water bottles need to be clearly named to encourage your child to find theirs independently. Many bottles still remain un-named!

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Regards,

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