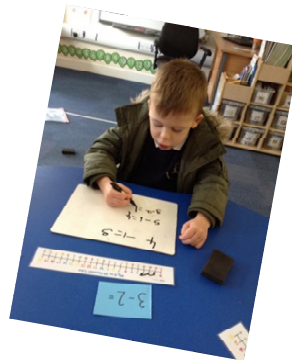


Poles Apart – Autumn 2



This half term we have been learning all about the North and South Pole. We read the stories 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Can You Hear?' and 'Penguins Big Adventure.' We also shared some non-fiction books and spoke about why they are different to story books. We then made our own non-fiction booklet about penguins. In Maths, the children have been learning about money by recognising coins and their value. We then focused on addition and subtraction.



Squirrels have taken part in some very exciting activities; this included Northern light ice balls and food coloring. This was taught during our Literacy Open Morning and involved watching a video clip of what the Northern lights look like and why they happen. The children then used large ice balls, added salt and food coloring and observed what they saw happening. Whilst learning the story of Penguins Big Adventure, the children had a visitor in the classroom. At first we were unsure who it was, but once we had looked at the footprints, we discovered that it was a penguin all the way from the North Pole!

During Maths when the children were focusing on money, we set up role play shops for each group. The children took it in turns to buy something in the shop and be the cashier. The children used coins to pay and looked carefully at the price labels. The children then moved on to addition and subtraction. They were able to use sugar cubes as ice blocks to represent numbers to help complete the sums and facts.

In RE we have been talking about the importance of the Nativity and spoke about how Christian's celebrate Christmas. We read many bible stories and acted out some of them to ensure we understood how to care for one and share Christian values.



Next half term our topic will be 'Out of this world', we will be looking at the stories, 'Whatever, Next', and 'How to catch a star.' We might also experience an alien encounter!

