Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 1- 2026

We would like to welcome everyone back and we hope that you have had a great Christmas break! We are looking forward to starting a new term and learning lots of new things. The children loved learning about different celebrations and getting ready for Christmas. Well done to all of the children who took part in our Early Years Nativity performance, they were all amazing!

Topic

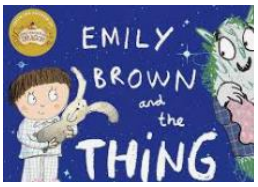
What would it be like to live in the Polar region?

This half term we will be learning about the Polar regions and what the weather is like. We will be exploring our local area and comparing this to the Polar regions.

Also, we will be look at how we can keep warm when it is cold and which materials would work best. The children will also explore melting and freezing by doing a number of experiments.

English

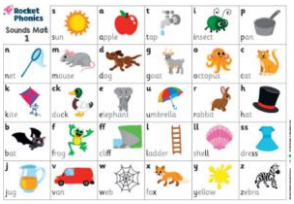
This half term we will be looking at a variety of books linked to our whole class topic. These books will include the "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers and "Emily Brown and the Thing" by Cressida Cowell.



We will explore different books and discuss key events in stories. The children will learn about the different features of a book, such as the title, author and illustrator. We will also discuss different characters thoughts and feelings at specific events in stories. We encourage children to share their thoughts on books so that we can better understand the types of books that they enjoy engaging with.

Phonics

We will continue to look at different letters and sounds. We will be using this to complete our phonics work books and helping us to read and write words.



https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1 has fun games that your child can play online to help them with this at home.

Mathematics

In mathematics this half term we will be exploring the numbers 6-8. We will be finding, representing and subitising the numbers 6-8. We will also be exploring length and height. This will include different ways that we can measure, as well as comparing length and height of different objects.

Number blocks is a useful tool to assist your child in their understanding of numbers. These can be found on BBC iPlayer.

Now the weather is so cold please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school every day. Please label everything with your child's name.

We also have a large number of children who haven't brought in a pair of wellington boots. Please send some in as soon as possible so your child can experience outdoors in all weathers.

As we get lots of wet socks in the winter months please ensure your child has spare socks in their book bags.

We share lots of our learning on our social media sites. Please ensure that your child's consent forms are up to date at the office so we can share your child's learning.

Website: www.boarshawprimary.co.uk

Facebook- Boarshaw Primary School

Reading

Please remember to read with your child every night. Your child needs repetition to be able to begin reading on their own. Library books will be changed weekly. You can share this library book with your child and discuss what has happened in the book and try to predict what will happen next. Please bring their book bag into school every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to your child's class teacher or contact them on Dojo.

Useful websites

Please find below a list of useful websites for you to explore with your child.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – free games from the phase 1 section.

www.topmarks.co.uk – use the early years section to explore different areas of learning.

TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

We still have a small number of parents who haven't accessed Tapestry. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any assistance accessing these.

Remember to share with us your child's achievements on Tapestry. This could be them learning to ride a bike, a special picture or something they have made. Please share what you can as the children love to share these pictures with the class.