



January Newsletter 2023



A very happy new year and a warm welcome back to nursery, we look forward to a fun and exciting new term ahead.

Our Interest Topics this month are **Winter** and life in the **Polar Regions**.

The children will have opportunities to explore life in the Antarctic and Arctic regions. They may choose to visit the nursery igloo and polar explorer's boat, discover the amazing creatures in these regions by playing with the various resources, look at maps and books or help make snow for the small world area. They will have plenty to keep them busy! Please view the Seesaw App for a more detailed outline of the learning and play opportunities.

Thank you for continuing to join us in our Seesaw journal. It makes a good way to talk to your child about their day in nursery and as usual we love to hear what they remember and say, this helps develop their thinking skills, increases their memory and language skills.

Big Bedtime Read

Our Big Bedtime Read will recommence each Monday in January from Monday 9th. We really appreciate your commitment and help with this. As the Education Authority website states, "Spending just 10 minutes per day reading, talking and playing with your child helps develop their thinking skills. Problem-solving skills, turn taking skills, language and social skills".

Important dates for your diary:

Applications for Nursery and Primary one places 2023 will open on Tuesday 10th January at 12 noon.

[Admissions | Education Authority Northern Ireland \(eani.org.uk\)](https://eani.org.uk)

Happy Healthy Kids Packs will begin to go home from the week beginning Mon 23rd January. The packs will go home on a Tuesday and are to be returned on a Monday with the Big Bedtime Read Packs. Hopefully you will enjoy all the activities and they will help you reinforce some of the skills the children will have been working on in nursery too.

Tip of the Month

I spy game. You could play The I Spy Game to help your child learn various mathematical concepts for example, I spy something big/small, long/short, up /down, wide/ narrow something straight / crooked for example.

Try rolling up some socks to use as 'snowballs' to aim at targets/boxes to practise those aiming and throwing skills ahead of the real snow arriving! Great for focus, direction and spatial awareness too.

'Play is the highest form of research'
- Albert Einstein



Some of this month's poems:

I'm a little Penguin

I'm a little penguin
Black and white
Soft and Cuddly,
What a sight.
I can't fly at all
But I love to swim,
So I waddle to the water
And I dive right in



The North Wind shall blow
The North Wind shall blow
And we shall have snow
And what will poor robin do then?
Poor thing
He'll stay in the barn and keep himself warm
With his head tucked under his wing
Poor thing!



Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen standing in a line
1,2,3,4,5 so fine

Melt in the sunshine with a sigh
We'll see you next year, now bye bye!
(Continue to count down until none are left)

