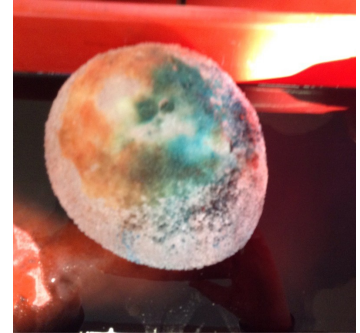


Willow Class

Last half term was another fun filled one with lots of exciting activities to explore. Our topic was Pole to Pole. We have been investigating the environment and some of the animals you might find at the South and North poles. We used the stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Polar Bear Polar Bear' to help us along the way. We began by making our own bear hunt with small world figures, grass, mud, water and pretend snow, so we could retell the story with our friends. To help us with our counting we will use the many different animals from the Polar Bear story to count and sort. Then we used sugar cubes to make our own ice homes for the animals. We explored snow and ice and looked at its properties and even drew with ice paint! Then amazingly it really snowed. We learnt about the Christmas story, sang songs and acted it out in our production "Shine Star Shine" this was an amazing success, which all the parents and family member enjoyed. To end the term we had a great party and puppets show from Miraiker Puppets.



This term our topic will be "Hide and Seek" we will be looking at the books "Dear Zoo" "Where's Spot" and "Rabbit's Nap." We will be discovering what we can find behind the doors and in the boxes sent from the zoo. We will be talking about our favourite animals, creating new pages for our own class book and making up different endings. Maybe you have a favourite pet that you could bring to school and share with your friends. For our maths we will try to use positional language to find out who is hiding under, on, behind or next to our favourite animal.

Why not go to the library and find the books we are going to read so you can read them at home. Maybe you could play hide and seek with one of your toys, do you think your family could find them?