

Key Stage One children have had a fantastic half-term. Our topic has been Pole to Pole. We read some fantastic stories in our literacy lessons, such as *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers and *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo. The children could retell these stories with actions and then wrote their own versions. We also learnt about polar animals and the children wrote non-chronological reports about whales! In our afternoon lessons we learnt about where in the world the Polar Regions are and looked at the geographical differences and similarities with our own locality. We found out they are very different! In history we learnt about polar explorers and the children enjoyed using historical sources to ask questions about our past. In art we learnt how to colour mix and created a cool toned winter picture. In science we explored the season of winter and how the seasons change throughout the year. In PE, children have had sports coaches to teach them multi- skills. Also this half term we have been very busy preparing for our Christmas shows. The children have loved learning the songs and their lines and we are so proud of their performances. Thank you for all of your support with costumes, the children looked fabulous!

We are looking forward to our next topic which will be 'Come Rain or Shine' and will have a focus on learning about the weather. We will be reading 'All Afloat Noah's Boat' and 'Winter King, Summer Queen'. In the afternoon sessions we will be making weather reports, observing and recording the weather, identifying a variety of materials and designing and making a waterproof den. We think it will make for a great topic and can't wait to share it with the children! The Key Stage One team hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

