

Mercury Class Newsletter Autumn 2

Well it is now our countdown to Christmas! I cannot believe where the past 3 months have gone since the children started school.

This half term we are going to be looking at the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' for a few weeks. We will be reading the story, re-telling the story and acting out the story. From this we will learn about different bears around the world and look at their similarities and differences. This will lead nicely into looking at bears that live in cold places as well as other animals that live there and we will compare our environment with theirs. We will be practising our phonics and writing skills by using the sounds we know in words to label bear pictures, to write simple words with 3 sounds in them as well as practising writing names and practising correct letter formation of all of the new letters we learn.

In maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction and looking at how addition is combining groups and counting what we have altogether and how subtraction is taking away and counting what is left. We will use and make up number stories about bears and polar animals to help with these skills of addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at teen numbers and what makes up different teen numbers.

Using 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and looking at polar animals and their environments as a stimulus the children will have opportunities to create paintings, collages and models. Here they can develop the use of their imagination, observational skills and fine motor skills.

Of course a big focus for Mercury Class this half term will be Christmas. We will be looking at how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world and why it is celebrated. A big focus will be our Nativity. We have lots of songs to learn, actions, lines and dance moves. This is such a magical time of year and we are all so excited for you to see how amazing your children are and how hard they work every day.

As always, please come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or want to share something that your child has done out of school.

Thank you

Mrs Aston, Mrs Morton and Miss Finley