

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed a magical and restful holiday, spending quality time with your families. The children have been bursting with excitement to tell us what they have been up to over the festive period, which has been lovely.

We have jumped straight into our new topic of Creatures Great and Small and the children have noticed a few changes to our classes especially within the role play area. Blue Class welcomed a 'Vets' area, Yellow Class found a 'forest' growing in their classroom and Red Class saw a 'zoo'. The children have loved exploring and investigating these areas and developing their imaginative play skills.

During Literacy we have been looking at 'Going on a Bear Hunt', exploring the text using the language and sequencing the story through pictures. As a class we have created a story map to help us retell the story when using the sensory tray. We have been using and applying our phonics skills to spell and write words within the story such as 'big', 'hunt' and 'not'.

In Maths we have investigating measurement using cubes, hands and elephants to find out if objects are bigger or smaller. The children have used this knowledge to broaden their vocabulary to compare these objects and enjoyed the challenges which have been set. Blue Class enjoyed this so much that the children recreated a shoe shop, where they measured each other's feet and tried on shoes!

Children have also been exploring technology through using the 'paint' software to draw a bear. The children were able to change colours and select the brush and bucket tool.

The children have transferred their knowledge of bears to look at their habitats and begin recognise similarities and differences between where they live and where bears live.

Moving forward to next week we will be looking at the story of 'Dear Zoo' and looking at time. To support your children with maths please discuss their routines and days of the week.

Please remember to book your parents evening appointments on eSchools and to complete the flu immunisation forms and return to school if your child missed this in October. Thank you.

