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Dear Parents,

What another busy week in Reception, and at The New Beacon. It is hard to believe that the boys have reached the half-way point in Reception. They continue to learn and love all that the school has to offer. Thank you all for your continued support with the boys learning.

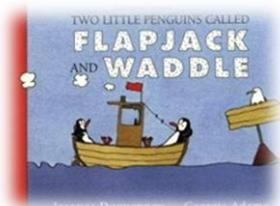
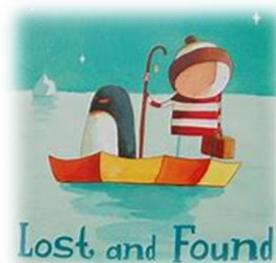
## Bedtime Read

It was lovely to see so many of you at the **Bedtime Read**. We hope you all had a lovely evening, we certainly did. From talking to them about it they all loved coming to school in their pyjamas and seeing the sparkly lights. The boys reflected on the evening and drew a lovely picture of their favourite thing. Variety is the spice of life and we are glad they all took something away from the experience. I think the overall favourite was the hot chocolate though!!



## Stories

We have used the book **'Lost and Found'** as a focus this week. It is a charming story about a little boy and a penguin and their unlikely friendship. The boys then had to use their imagination to write about the adventures that they could go on after the end of the story and there were some lovely imaginative ideas. You will be able to find this story online too.



We also read a book called **'Flapjack and Waddle'**. It is about 2 inseparable friends who go on an adventure together. The boys had to remember the events of the story and then talk about their favourite part.

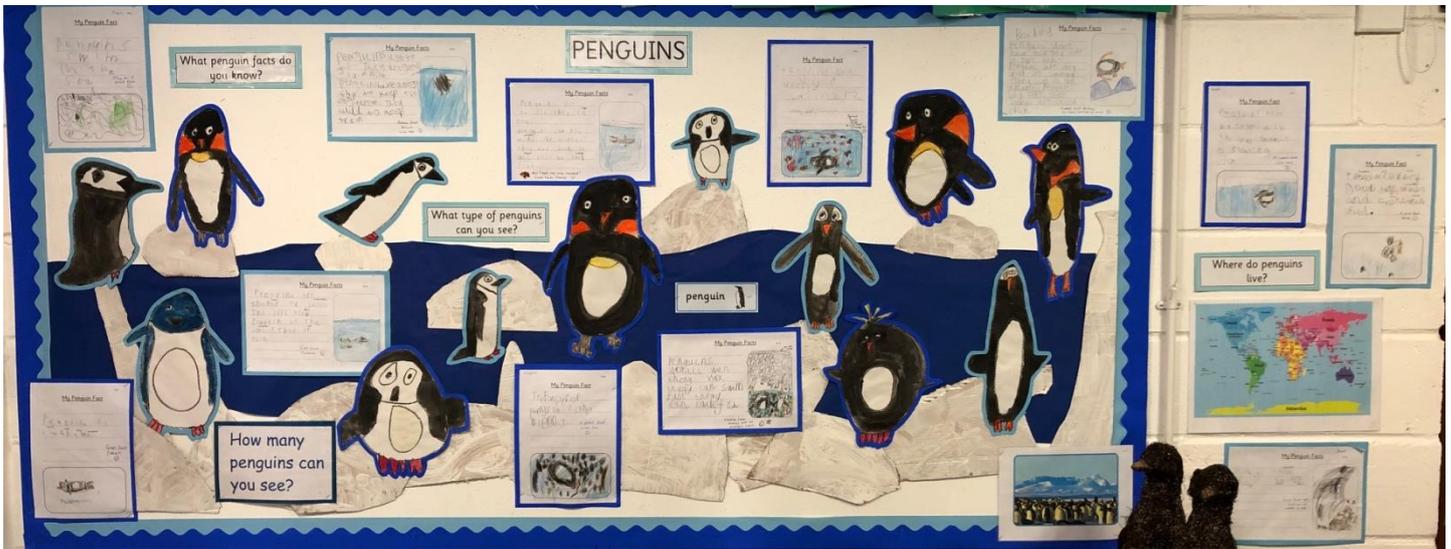
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## Expressive Art and Design

In addition to drawing and painting their penguins, see the display photo below, the boys have been really enjoying illustrating their work during our Topic. They are all trying hard to add more detail and make sure their colouring in is neat. It has been lovely to see their imagination in both their writing and drawings flourish.



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## Mathematics

We have "spent" the week looking at money. We looked at all the different coins, counted coins in purses and the boys have also started to find many ways to make different amounts. This is something you could practise over half term, as the boys are always keen to play with money, and spend it!

Also, if you have a few spare minutes in half term and were thinking of something to do, perhaps you could practise number formation as many of the boys reverse their numbers.

After half term we will be looking at [direction and sequencing](#).

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## Understanding the World

We have wrapped up our topic on the [Polar Regions](#) this week by learning more about all the different animals that live there. The boys, as ever, love learning and sharing new facts and are sponges for more information. We have also discussed [Global Warming](#) and how this is starting to affect the animals and the environment.

## Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)

For PSE this week we shared the story of [Jesus choosing his disciples](#). We talked about what being a good friend means and why friends are important to us all and the boys thought about who their own [special friends](#) are.

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## General

Sadly we have come to the end of our [Winter and Polar Region](#) topics. The boys have really taken on board this topic and have learned so many facts. It has also been lovely to see their writing flourish as they have been so keen to write about all the wonderful creatures. It has also been lovely to have feedback from yourselves about their progress and achievements.

We will be focusing on [Owls](#) and other [animals of the night](#), as well as [Mother's Day](#) and [Easter](#) after half term. If you have any books that we could use in class we would be extremely grateful.

We wish you all a happy and safe half term. If you do happen to go away it would be [lovely to receive a postcard!](#)

Kind Regards,

Mr Braidwood and Mrs Puller

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