



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January



Welcome back everybody we hope you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday and a happy start to the New Year. We have had a busy start to the new year. During our first week back we have joined in a whole school writing/ talking project called 'The magic pen'. During the week we talked about the characters, understood that we need to use the alphabet mat to write recognisable letters, and created a story map, discussing the beginning, middle and end of the story. If you would like to view the video stimulus please google 'The magic pen'.

This term our topic will be Cold Places. We will be learning about different types of environments, animals that live in them and what we need to wear when it is cold. We have enjoyed sharing the fantastic topic homework children have completed over the holidays. Please check out our photos on the website and dojo.

Nursery have been comparing groups of objects in Maths this week and have been saying whether a group has more/less. Please point out numbers in your environment such as your house number to see your child recognises it. In letters and sounds we have been following phase 1 phonics, including rhyming, alliteration, environmental sounds and songs: reading books or singing songs to your child will help them with their listening skills.

Reception children love phonics and learning new sounds, they are beginning to use their phonic knowledge within all aspects of the classroom and their learning. Please ask your child to share what they are learning at school with you! Reception will continue to visit Forest School on either a Wednesday or a Thursday afternoon. As we go out in all weathers you are welcome to provide extra clothes, hats and gloves to keep them warm; school provides waterproofs and wellies.

### Notice Board/Dates for your Diary

#### TOPIC – Cold Places

- We have an EYFS Parents Email which you are welcome to send any comments or enquiries to: [eyfsparents@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:eyfsparents@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk)
- Please continue to write names in all your child's clothing including hats and gloves.
- We value any observations you take of your child at home to add to their learning journey.
- Please continue to check Class Dojo, we love to read any of your comments!
- We have a non-uniform day on 18.1.19 your child must wear something blue.

#### At Home

Ideas to help at home –  
Number of the week is 8  
Reception – learning tricky words and practice writing numerals.  
Encourage your child to practise writing their tricky words The, to, I, no, go, we, me, be, he, she.  
Nursery: encourage children to write their names and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond.

#### Stars of the Week

**This week's Reception stars are:**

Mrs. McDonald – Lilly

Miss Gates – Serenna and Macie-Jae

Mrs. Hardy – Tilly



#### General Reminders

- Please check out our website blog and leave any comments!: [www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk) and click on the EYFS page.
- Please ensure your child has a **spare change of clothes** (these can stay in our blue peg bags at school).