

# Blue Penguin

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## This week in phonics...

We will be learning to read and write words containing the sounds 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa'.

We are learning to read 'so', 'do' and 'some', as well as continuing to practise all previously taught words.

## Why this 'theme'?

We have chosen this theme as the children have loved exploring the colder weather and have shown an interest in animals that live in these colder climates. We are using the book 'Blue Penguin', a Power of Reading book, as a hook for this.

## This week in maths...

We will be finding, representing, subitising and comparing numbers 0-5 and exploring the composition of numbers 4 and 5.

## Skills Focus

**Understanding the World:** Make observations of different environments.

**Expressive Arts & Design:** Create a collage with different textures. Create and perform a song with actions as a class.

**PSED:** Share a story and talk about what compassion is.

## Key Vocab

**Understanding the World:** changes, describe, different, environment, observation, map, weather, world.

**Expressive Arts & Design:** collage, textures, shapes, tools, sing, song, perform.

**PSED:** Compassion

friends  
jumping  
ocean  
belonging  
snow  
dream  
ice  
fish  
different  
Antarctica  
south  
penguin  
diving  
blue penguin  
swimming  
chilly  
lonely  
freezing  
friendship  
beautiful white whale

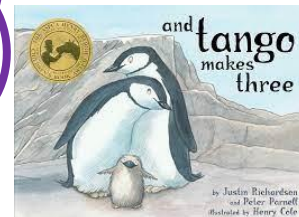
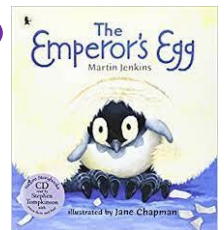
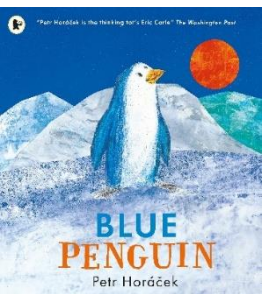
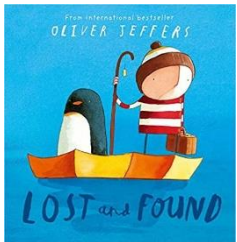
magical  
globe  
maps  
cold  
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## Did you know...

A group of penguins in the water is called a raft but on land they're called a waddle.

## I wonder...

Would you rather it was always snowy or always sunny?



**Things your child can do at home:** Share fiction and non-fiction books about animals that live in colder climates, look at a map or globe to locate these different continents or countries, use your senses to explore changes outside with the weather getting colder.

**Homework:** Draw a picture of an animal that lives in a colder climate and write a fact about them.

## We are a Church of England School...

We say a prayer before lunch each day.

In our daily collective worship, we will be exploring this half-term's theme of 'Respect'

This week's song: 'Wide, wide as the Ocean'

School Values:

Compassion • Courage • Responsibility



## Naming property and water bottles

With the colder weather here, more children are wearing gloves, hats and scarves to keep warm at this chilly time of year. Please make sure these items are all named as these can so easily go missing or children are unaware which items belong to them. This will help us get them to the correct owner.

Please can you make sure your child also has a named water bottle in school. They will have a drink at lunch time, but it is a long day to go without drinking anything else.