



Wren Class

The children have enjoyed learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. We have found out about the different animals that live in both locations and the people that live in the Arctic. We have had an Arctic Explorer's tent in the classroom which has been a popular addition for the children. We have also found out about the different animals that hibernate. Lots of children knew that hedgehogs hibernate but were surprised to find out that the Queen Bee does too. Linked to our work on Winter and hibernation we read the story *The Bear's Winter House* by John Yeoman. The children enjoyed acting out the story and then used what they remembered to sequence pictures. We also made designs for our own winter den.

Chinese New Year

The children in Wren Class had a fun filled day learning all about Chinese New Year. We found out about the customs and traditions associated with Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. We also learnt the story behind the different animals on the calendar and that 2020 is the year of the rat.

We were very fortunate that Marisa Talbot provided some wonderful Chinese New Year activities to explore in class. The children got to make their own chopsticks and practised using them by picking up different Chinese foods. We painted our own Chinese lanterns and enjoyed seeing them light up with a small battery-operated candle. There were various Chinese New Year dragon activities, including puppets and masks. Finally, children had the opportunity to make their own Chinese drum.

A highlight of the day for all the children was receiving a special money envelope, filled with chocolate coins!

A big thank you to Mrs Talbot for sourcing the different materials and for her help in running the activities.

