



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



**DATES:**

26-30th January 2026

## Phonics

There has been no new code this week as we have now started to explore more complex word structures. These include words that have 4 sounds in them and have a consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant (CVCC) structure.

We have had fun with nonsense words. We have been practising our phoneme manipulation by adding, removing and swapping sounds in made up words.



In Maths, we have been focussing on 6,7 (no comments please!) and 8. We have looked at how we can represent these numbers on 10 frames, as numerals and as dots on a dice.

We have also been looking at how numbers can be made up of smaller numbers. We call these parts, which go together to make a whole.

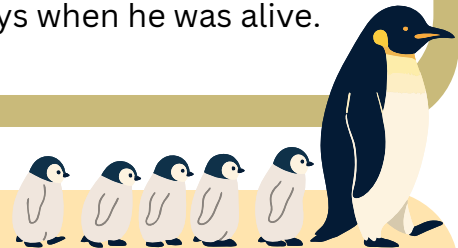
## Other things we have learned

We have been looking at 'The Emperor's Egg' in literacy and learning about these magnificent penguins and the feats they go through to raise their young. We can't imagine balancing an egg on our feet for two months without anything to eat!

We have been exploring the features of a non-fiction book and learning how an index works. We have started building our own timeline and are beginning to understand what is meant by history.

The children have been in awe learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and his great Antarctic Expedition. We have enjoyed looking at how life has changed from the days when he was alive.

## Reminders



We have really enjoyed checking in with the penguins at Edinburgh Zoo on their live Penguin Cam. It's so exciting each time an Emperor Penguin waddles past. You can share the excitement [here](#) - watch with your child and ask them to tell you what they have learnt!