



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

2 - 6th February 2026

Phonics

Another consolidation week with no new sounds but lots of practice with manipulating sounds in 4 sound words.

We continue to work with nonsense words to really stretch and extend our segmenting and blending skills. I'm so proud of the hard work Foundation have been putting into their Sounds-thank you for all the home practice opportunities.

Things are really starting to 'click'!

Our Common Exception word has been 'to'.

Maths

Our focus has been odd and even numbers, pairs and doubles. We know that when we are deciding if an amount is odd or even, arranging the amount into pairs can help us visualise an even by giving us a complete number of pairs whilst an odd amount results in one being unpaired. We had fun trying this with penguins!

Other things we have learned

Our story has been Blue Penguin, a most exquisite and heart-wrenching tale (yes, from a children's book!) of self-discovery and friendship. Blue Penguin's story has provided us with opportunities to talk about what it is to be different, to feel lonely and feel without purpose. We explored how to produce story boards to re-tell a story and how we can successfully sequence stories.

It was National Storytelling Week and we tuned in to a re-telling of I Am Nefertiti by its author, Annemarie Anang. There was music and singing and wonderful discussions about the power of a name.

Foundation are a constant source of immense pride and inspiration to me and this discussion demonstrated that beautifully with powerful conversations about their own names.

We have also continued to look at Arctic and Antarctic environments this week particularly focussing on animal adaptations. Thick fur coats and a layer of blubber would have been useful with this week's weather!

Reminders

Have a fabulous weekend all - one more week to go! Please remember that it is a Staff Inset day on Friday 13th February 2026 and the school will not be open to children.

