

## Acorn Update – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

We have had a lovely, although remarkably calm, final week of the year in Acorn class.

On Monday, we watched our virtual pantomime “The Snow Queen” which all of the children really enjoyed. The pantomime was designed to be viewed online and provided opportunities for audience participation through singing and holding up different props.

In maths, we have continued to work on place value to 20 and used the Numicon, Cuisenaire rods and our own jottings to show place value (how many tens and ones). The children in reception revised numbers to 10, with lots of interactive cutting and sticking activities linked to our book, this week called ‘The runaway iceberg’. The children really enjoyed this story and were able to discuss their knowledge of penguins and ask questions about how penguins change in appearance as they grow. The children also labelled the key parts of a penguin by reading labels using their phoneme skills.

This afternoon we finished the week with a walk around the village to look for signs of seasonal change. We also spotted lots of beautiful Christmas decorations including wreaths and lights. It was a lovely way to finish what has been a very exciting (if slightly exhausting) term!

No homework has been set over the Christmas holidays, but reading books, handed in, have been changed. Word bags and will continue in January.

Thank you also for the very generous gifts given, they are so thoughtful and much appreciated (although not necessary!).

Thank you also for your continued support, it makes such a difference to the children, who all remain happy, funny and keen to learn.

We hope you all have a calm peaceful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

Christmas good wishes

Miss Blake, Mrs Evans & Mrs Perkins