**Week Beginning- Spring 2017, week 2, 9.1.17**

Dear Parents,

This week Sailor Bear has got lost on his journey to visit his cousin, Polar Bear, and ended up in the Antarctic! We will be exploring this continent through the story of Blue Penguin which is our first Power of Reading book this term.

In our language work the children will be finding out about Antarctic animals and discussing their experiences of the cold and comparing it to other countries they may have visited. We will be encouraging children to write about their favourite Antarctic animal using the new facts they have learned. We will be supporting the children in using their phonic skills to hear and write the sounds in words and encouraging the more confident children to use finger spaces in between words.

In Mathematics we will be continuing a focus on 1 more and 1 less than and some will also be focusing on writing the addition and subtraction calculations as part of their target work. We will also be working with the children on their individual maths targets.

Please could you send in any large boxes you may no longer need for our large-scale constructions of a winter shelter?

Many Thanks for your help and support

The Early Years Team