**Week Beginning- Spring 2017, week 3, 16.1.17**

Dear Parents,

This week Sailor Bear is still in the Antarctic. We are continuing with Blue Penguin and will be finding out more about Antarctic animals and discussing their experiences of the cold and ice. 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 as well using capital and full stops.

Some fun phonic games your child might like to do can be found using these web links;

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/DragonsDen.html>

<http://www.ictgames.com/letterlifter.html>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1literacy.html#ww>

In Mathematics we will be focusing on subtraction. Most children will be using numicon to support them in this and be able to subtract two single digit numbers up to 10 using resources. The more confident children will be using numicon to subtract two numbers up to 20.

We will also be investigating and exploring the concept of floating and sinking.

In RE we are focusing on the story of Noah’s ark.

Many Thanks for your help and support

The Early Years Team