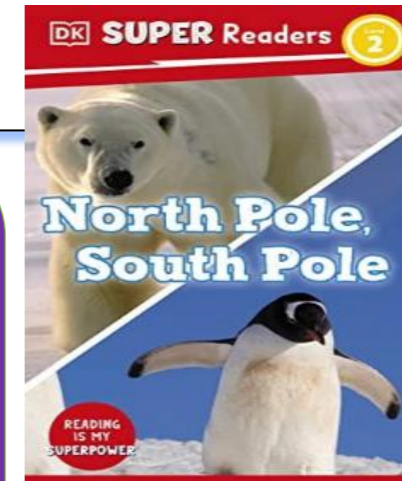


Our book focus this week is:

North Pole, South Pole

This week in Reception Class...

23rd March 2026



The children enjoyed sharing a non-fiction book as our focus book for this week. The children enjoyed visiting the school library to choose books to help us develop our knowledge of the North and South Poles. Our favourite book was The Emperor's Egg.

This week in maths the children have been recapping their knowledge of 3D shapes and their properties. The children have also been making patterns in different ways. They have also been challenging themselves to make repeated patterns with many items. During COOLTime the children have been helping the Easter Bunny continue her repeated pattern trail.

During Open the Book worship this week, the children were learning about 'The Last Supper'. This helped us to discuss making our own choices and not following the lead of others, especially if we know it is not a good choice. We talked about valuing our own ideas and beliefs.

Our story focus has helped us compare the environments of the North and South Poles. We have explored how they differ and the animals that live there.

The children have enjoyed making their own Emperor and baby penguin. They have also enjoyed continuing to make boats in the indoor and outdoor construction areas. This week we have had some new wooden building blocks; they have helped us to think about the name of 3D shapes from our previous weeks maths focus. They have also been following simple steps to draw their own penguin.

Our WOW experience this half term was a visit to Hagley Library. We went to Hagley on the train, and this helped us think about being a safe pedestrian. We had to wear high visibility jackets so that we could be seen and stay behind the yellow line at the train station.

Using our non-fiction books to help us, we have been writing sentences about penguins. We have all learned a lot of facts this week! The children have been practicing the Abracadabra Family and learning their target pairs. We all need to remember that these letters start with 'pull your wand around'.

In PE this week we focused on travelling into space in different ways and whilst avoiding obstacles. We had our 'home' base and returned to this (increase in pace) and developed this as part of a competition to see who could get home the quickest - whilst avoiding the other players.

C of EL This week we have observed the class...

Challenging themselves to complete trickier work.