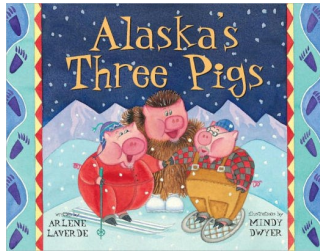


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ALASKA'S THREE PIGS

This fabulous version of the traditional tale has taken the children on a journey to the Arctic and stimulated some super learning. In the story a grizzly bear replaces the wolf and rather than a brick house the third little pig builds an igloo.

The beautiful illustrations in the book triggered a class discussion about "hot" and "cold" colours. The children then used lots of different collage materials to make cold, icy igloo pictures.



POLAR EXPLORERS

We have explored how igloos are made and the children were amazed to see the snow being cut into blocks with a saw. At their request we have turned the role play area into an igloo, complete with warm clothes and a husky.

The children were very inquisitive about the different animals in the book and said that they would like to find out more about arctic creatures. They have learnt lots of facts about polar bears. Did you know that their fur isn't white? It's actually totally clear.



FABULOUS PHONICS

When we came back to school in January, the children started the next phase of their phonics learning—two letters working together to make one sound (called a digraph). Some of these **look** very similar and can cause the children a bit of confusion. For

example, oa (coat) or (fork)
 oo (book / boot) ar (park)

They will need to practise lots at home, please. How about a game of eye spy using the digraph sounds... something beginning with sh...ch...th?

Have a good week end.
The Early Years Team

P.s. Apologies that due to ill teachers and the bad weather we haven't been able to do PE for a while. Normal service will resume next week!

Request

...for old newspapers, please.

Thank you.