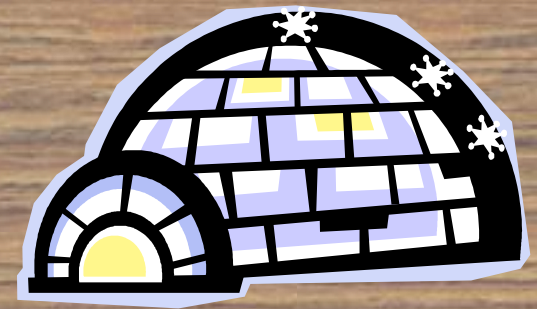


Houses and Homes Week 3 News

Nursery and Primary 1



What a busy week!!! This week has been all about 'Finding out Fred'. At the start of the week we met clown from the circus and found out some new tricks and even helped in a show.

In class we have been finding out about houses from all over the world. We have looked in books and looked at photos. We have experimented with lots of different materials and talked about the different ways to build a house. We made a list all together about the different types of windows, walls, roofs and doors we had seen.



On Monday morning we met a clown. He showed us lots of tricks. What a clever clown.





The clown was very funny, we loved watching him. We had a go at being clowns too. We also tried tricks with the hats and scarves.



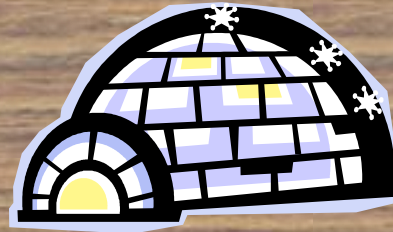
As part of our homes topic we looked at different homes from around the world. We looked at some igloo pictures and we tried to build our own igloo homes from ice cubes. We tried different ways to do it and it was very cold. There was lots of discussion and experimenting going on.





Look you can stick it together-press it together!

It's freezing..my hands are cold.



Look it's getting smaller!! It's going- this bit looks like a head.





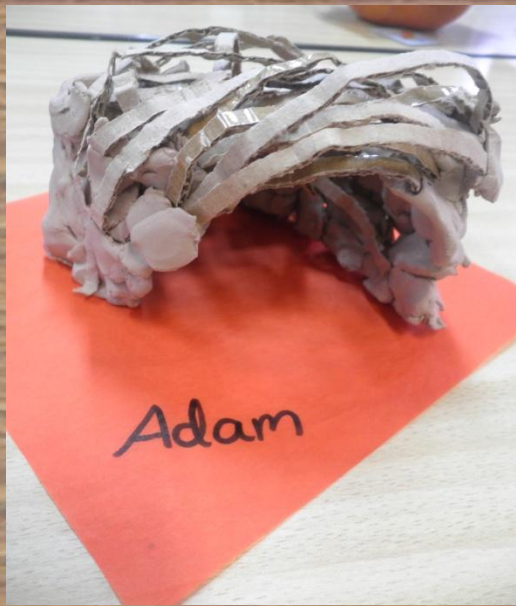
During our igloo building the conversation turned to penguins. Some of us thought penguins might live near igloos. Karen had also made some big ice blocks and she found us some penguins to play with. We wanted to break the ice and the penguins beaks were not strong enough!! So she found some hammers and we tried to make the ice smaller and make holes for the penguins to sit in.





We also saw a house made out of mud, sticks, straw and grass. We explored some clay and used this to make our own mud huts. Karen showed us how we can use a bit of water to act like a glue. This was another great time to learn about and explore a new material.

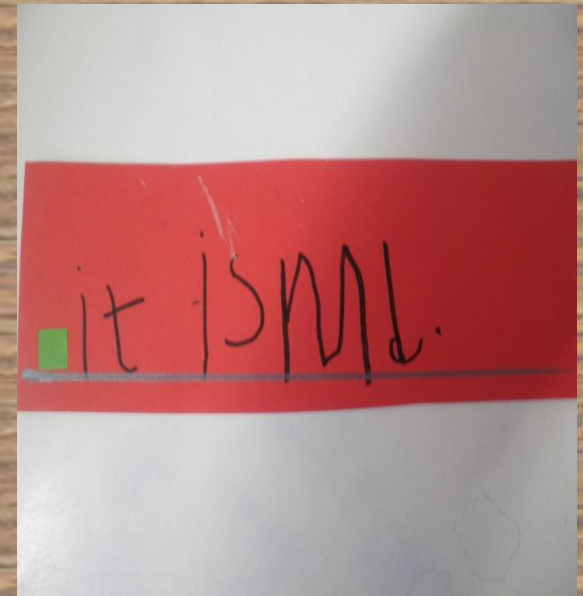
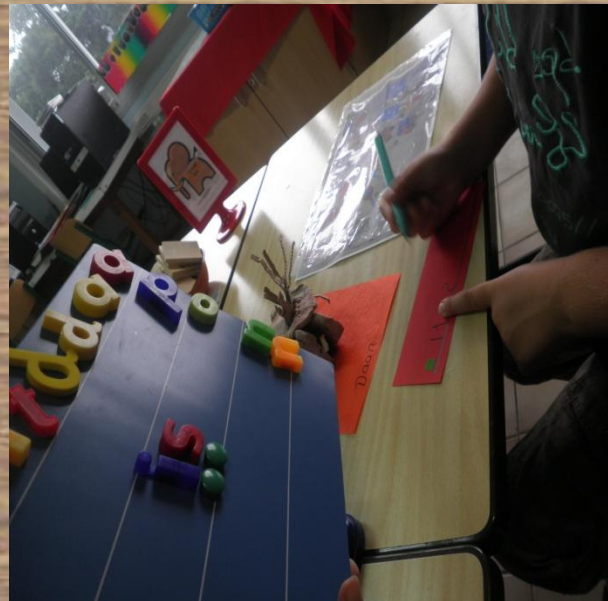
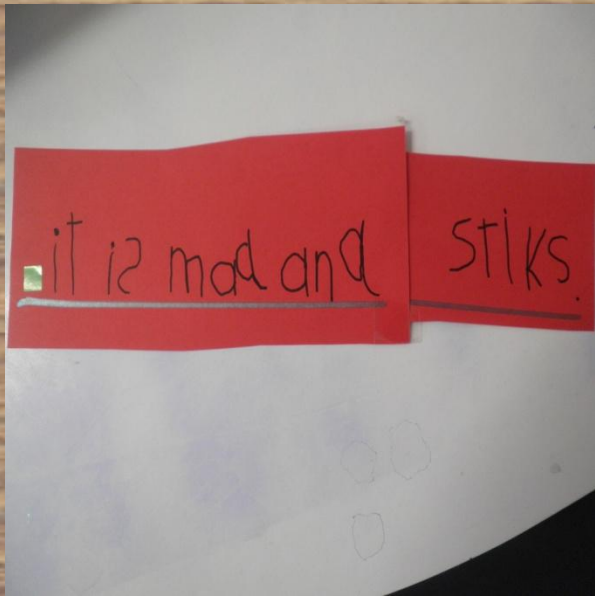




Mud huts



The primary 1 children also practiced their phonics and wrote some simple sentences to tell people what we had made. We were very proud of our first bit of writing. We learnt how to sound out our words and find the letters. We had to remember where to start and use a full stop and finger space so that people can see the words and know when to stop reading.



We have also tried building with lots of other materials. We worked with the French language stream to build some houses outside.





We have also been using 'Talking Tim' to talk about our numbers this week. We have had fun playing different games and counting how many get to live in the house. Some of us had to put houses in the right order- we counted them to check the numbers matched. Karen even tried to trick us but we knew what number was missing.





Last week some of us learnt how to play board games. This week there were lots of different dice games that we could play with friends during our own choosing time. It was great to play these with our friends, everyone worked so well together.

