



# Manor Pre-School

*'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'*

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## Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new term and welcome to the new children who have joined us at Manor pre-school this term.

## Our Theme for this term will be 'Home and Away'.

We shall be discovering about cold and hot places as well as England, Plymouth and Ivybridge. This week we have started looking at cold places and the animals that live there.

## Maths

We have been counting and comparing size using penguins! Look at our super icy maths tray, we have used it a lot this week.



## Literacy

We have talked about Christmas and the presents we received, drawing pictures on Thank You letters for Santa. Miss Di also made us an ice den and we have had a lovely time sharing books with our friends in it.



## Fine Motor Skills.

We have also been working hard on fine motor skills this week in lots of different ways. We balanced marbles and ping pong balls on icy golf tees and practised peeling and sticking to make our very own igloos.



## Next Week

We are continuing our learning about cold places and will be reading the story 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear' by Eric Carle. This gives opportunity for focused listening and investigating the habitats of the different animals.

## Names

It would appear that many children were very lucky receiving new lunch boxes, bags and coats for Christmas. However, many of these have not yet been named. Therefore we would ask that you ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent confusion and at times distress to your child if they are given the incorrect item. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

## Reminders

If your child is due to start school in September 2017 you have until mid January to apply for their school place.

Also, please remember that coloured jumpers and t-shirts are available to buy from the school office. Whilst these are not compulsory, we do urge parents to buy them as this enables easy identification of the different groups – and they also do look lovely!

Butterflies – Blue; Caterpillars – Yellow; Ladybirds – Red