

Week Beginning 16/1/17

Highlights of the week in Shackleton Class:

This week we have continued our topic focusing on winter.

We have focused our vocabulary and literacy learning around two famous paintings on a winter theme.

We have used Hendrick Avercamp's 'A Winter Scene with Skaters near a Castle' to develop our use of powerful adjectives.

The second painting we have focused on is Jan Beerstraaten's 'The Castle of Muiden in Winter'. We made some detailed observations about what we could see and infer from the painting and used this to do some 'freeze framing' in drama. We also enjoyed learning about what the castle looks like today.

You can look closely at the paintings we have been studying this week by going to the National Gallery website at this address: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/hendrick-avercamp-a-winter-scene-with-skaters-near-a-castle>

And

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/jan-beerstraaten-the-castle-of-muiden-in-winter>

We've continued the winter theme by making our own fake snow using careful measurements of water and snow powder. We also carried out a science experiment investigating how the use of salt can help to speed up the process of melting.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their reply slips for our Family Learning Breakfast next Thursday. We shall need final numbers by Monday 23rd so we can buy sufficient food for the event!!

Talk about/Maths Homework

Next week we shall be starting a new focus on 'Jobs'. This will link in with our maths focus. It would be great if you could talk at home about the maths skills needed for jobs and the times adults have to use maths in their everyday life. We are keen to make the topic as realistic and interesting as possible for the children and show them how the maths learnt at school will benefit them in their adult life!

Parent/Carer comment:

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