Our Theme for January is "Cold Outside" The children will be learning about the weather, what we need to keep warm and we will be experimenting with different materials such as snow, hopefully! We will be doing lots of melting experiments, and creating some cold themed delicacies in Little Chefs, so lets hope the weather is on the chilly side! BRRRRRR!

The pre-school children have been very busy over the past term creating their very own story. They have been looking at the beginning, middle and end of stories and how they are structured, describing events that happen in the story and creating their own characters to be in the story.

The children have all had an in put of their ideas and thoughts into how the story might start and finish. The Owls came up with a lovely story with a very important moral, about a baby unicorn who got lost and her mummy couldn't find her. The moral of the story is that you must always stay with a grown up. The children even helped to type up ther story using the computer as well as creating all the pictures, drawing and colouring all the characters within the book. The children have really enjoyed this activity and are very proud of what they have achieved. They were really excited to take home their very own copy of the story to share with everyone at home.

Look out for lots of budding authors in the future!

Little Chefs continues to be very popular with the children and they are developing their culinary skills such as measuring and following recipies. This term they have been focusing creating some chilly recipies such as chilly fruit jelly and iceburg merangues in keeping with our 'Cold Ouside' theme.

Our theme for next term is 'Space'. The children are looking forward to investigating space, looking at different planets, astronaughts and making rockets to fly us to the moon.

I am delighted to inform you that Checkendon Pre-School C.I.O has been able to raise just under £1000 last year with a wide variety of fundraising events such as the Christmas raffle and our sponsored fishing event. This is a very welcome support which will enable us to provide some wonderful new resources for the children to support their learning and development so a very big thank you all who supported this scheme. Our next fundraising event is the Checkendon Run on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2020. Please come along and show your support or if you feel you might be able to help at the event please let us know.

On behalf of Checkendon Pre-School we would like to say thank you so much for your continued support.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School C.I.O, do visit our website <u>www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk</u>, call us on 01491 682589, e-mail preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com or just pop in – we always look forward to welcoming you to Checkendon Pre-School.

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