

TreeHouse News

Happy New Year! We have just wrapped up the final month of 2015 discovering the chilly **Polar Regions**. The adventure room was definitely a top favorite this month; Ms. Emily turned her camping tent into an **igloo**! Bear exclaimed, "I love the igloo. It is so fun and pretty!" Enakai said, "The igloo is really big, I like to play in it!"

To bring our theme to life, we were able to explore the Polar Regions through various **science** experiments. One experiment was to test how polar bears are able to stay so warm. We took two small zip lock baggies and filled them with **oil** and then placed them in a large bag of snow. The oil represented the polar bears blubber, which is what maintains the **polar bears** warmth. We compared how it felt in the snow versus between the bags of oil. Owen exclaimed, "The **blubber** definitely keeps the polar bears warm!"

Here are a few of the interesting new pieces of information our friends obtained about the Polar Regions:

- ❖ When we made paper shape **walruses** this month, Phoebe learned, "Walruses have REALLY long tusks."
- ❖ Quintin said, "My favorite thing I learned is that the daddies take care of the **baby penguins** while the mommies get food."
- ❖ Gracie shared; "The **Northern Lights** have green and blue and yellow and they come from the big magnets."

Be sure to ask your child about what new or surprising information they enjoyed learning this month!

Our Treehouse friends also got to create some polar **art** projects this month. With a giggle, Jayse shared, "I really liked the polar animal diorama and getting to paint the shoe box. You're not supposed to paint shoe boxes so it was kind of silly." Rowan shared that his favorite art project was the walrus shapes we made because they have two really big **tusks**. Mikaela's favorite art project was the **penguins** with cotton ball bellies because, "They are so CUTE!"

For the month of January, we will be exploring the world down under; **Australia**! This month the adventure room takes us to the **Great Barrier Reef**. Ms. Brandi has traveled to Australia so she has lots to share with us! Be sure to check out the **white board** at pick-up time for information about our Australian topic of the day, art projects, focus letter of the week, and Friday share information.

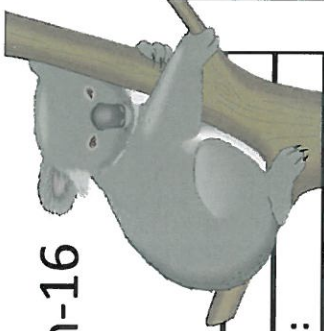
Thank you again to all who joined us for the Holiday Sing-A-Long! The TreeHouse was very excited to perform for all our friends and families!

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Ms. Brandi, Ms. Emily and Ms. Erynn

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Australia



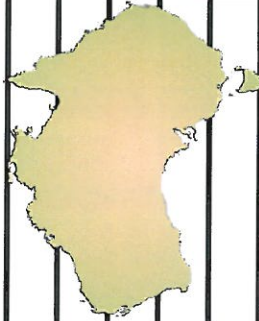
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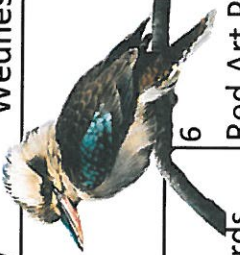
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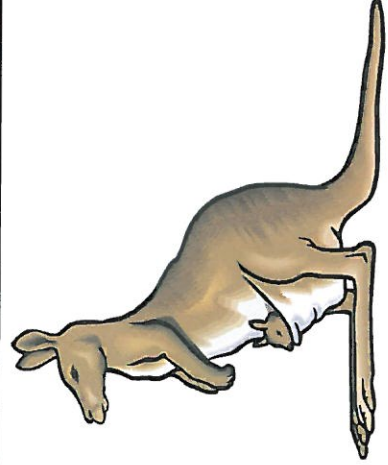
Wombat Goes Walkabout

Koala Lou

Dreamtime



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Continent Coloring	5 Aussie Words	6 Red Art Paint	7 Sydney	8 Share: Wear Red White and Blue
11 Boomerangs	12 Spanish: Aussie Words	13 Jj Jellyfishes	14 Aboriginal Dot Art	15 Share: Aboriginal Art
18 Kangaroos	19 Spanish: Aussie Animals	20 Emus, Dingos', Kookaburras	21 Koalas	22 Share: Favorite Aussie Animals
25 Great Barrier Reef	26 Spanish: Reef Words	27 Under the Sea Animal Look	28 What is a Dugong?	29 Share: Favorite Reef Animal



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