

Year 2, Spring 1 Newsletter

During the first half of spring, we will be exploring the theme of **Polar Opposites**. Our learning across the curriculum links to Antarctica, The Arctic and the animals that survive there. In Geography, we will explore the polar regions and their importance, learning about the Inuit people of the Arctic. In history, we will be learning about the first expedition to the South Pole through the famous explorer Captain Robert Scott. In DT, Bear Grylls will set us the challenge to sew an explorer's pouch. In science, we will learn about animals and humans, exploring the early work of Florence Nightingale. In PSHE, we will continue to learn about health and well-being. In IT, we will explore computer programmes by using the Scratch Junior. In RE we will learn about the Jewish religion and visit a Synagogue. After the half term our topic will be Amazing Africa and there will be an art focus.

Polar Regions & Amazing Africa

PE continues to be on Thursday afternoons.

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform each day to school. On Thursdays, please wear the school PE uniform in line with our school policy.

If earrings can be removed this is ideal or please send in medical tape for covering. Also, please do ensure that footwear is well-fitted for safety.

Dates for your diary...

Local library visit (reschedule to be arranged)

6th February- Safer Internet Day

8th February- Celebrating Lent

9th February- INSET day

12th-16th- Half term

22nd February- Synagogue Visit

27th & 28th Parents Evening (clubs cancelled on these dates. Wrap around open)

7th March- World Book Day

15th March- Red Nose Day

18th March- individual Photographs

21st March- World Down Syndrome Day

28th March (Thursday)- Last Day of School

15th April- School re-opens



Maths

In maths we will be covering multiplication and division until half term whilst reviewing and practising skills taught in Autumn like addition and subtraction, money and time. In Spring 2 we will cover fractions, statistics and measures. Please keep looking on Dojo as we post a fortnightly maths update for you to help you support at home with our strategies.

English

This term we will write non-chronological reports on Polar Animals and a narrative polar story. We now have 4 lessons a week on spelling rules incorporated with phonics and the children are really enjoying 'The Rules' especially when they come with rhymes. Spellings continue to be tested each Friday with new spellings given. We practise them at school and we expect children to practise them at home please along with other home-learning.

Reading



Your children's reading is really improving and this term more children will be included in our Whole Class Reading sessions four times a week. Please continue to read to them and with them at home. The books we send home are sharply focused to your child's reading ability so please do read these at home alongside other books chosen for pleasure. If you have any questions then please feel free to ask. The Year 2 team.



Home learning

Loads of points were given at the end of last term for the amazing weekly homework provided. Well done and keep it up.

Always chat to us at the door if you need any support with motivating homework to be completed.

Did you know that every half-term we send out a topic sheet of creative homework? We set a lovely set of activities to choose from so please do support your child to have a go. It is always so wonderful for the children to see their own home-made delights on display for all to see.

