

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 photography and 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.

Dates for your diary...

- 15th January- School Disco
- 31st January- Year 2 assembly (families invited)
- 11th February- Safer internet day
- 14th February- INSET day
- 17th-21st February- Half term
- 25th & 26th- Parents Evening (clubs cancelled on these dates. Wrap around open)
- 6th March- World Book Day
- 17th March- individual Photographs
- 21st March- World Downs Syndrome Day
- 27th March- RE visit to the Synagogue in Sherwood
- 4th April- Last day of term
- Tuesday 22nd April- School re-opens for summer term.



Polar Regions & Amazing Africa

The Daily Dash for lost property!

We are working hard to support children being independent throughout the day. One focus is on knowing where their things are and having them ready for home time daily. Please support them (and us) by ensuring that items are fully labelled in permanent markers, this way items can be promptly returned when found.

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 having a go at Numbots and Times Tables rockstars. If you need any help to get started just let us know.

Home learning

Loads of points were given at the end of last term for the amazing weekly homework returned. 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.



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.