

## 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 learn more about our feelings and behaviours. In IT, we will explore photography and computer programmes by using the Scratch Junior. In RE we will learn about the followers and friends of Jesus. In PE this term it is gymnastics and games. After the half term our topic will be Amazing Africa and there will be an art focus.

### Dates for your diary...

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January- School Disco  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> January- Year 2 assembly, 2:30 (families invited)  
WB 9<sup>th</sup> February- Year 2 assessment week  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> February- Topic home-learning deadline  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> February- Safer internet day  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February- Author visit by a real-life Poet!  
**16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> February- Half term**  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>- Parents Evening (clubs cancelled on these dates. Wrap around open)  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day and exhibition after school  
WB 9<sup>th</sup> March- British Science week  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March- Mother's Day sale  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March- Individual pupil photographs  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day. Topic home-learning deadline  
**WB 30<sup>th</sup> March & 6<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Holidays**



### English

This term we will write about Polar Animals and a narrative polar story. We now have 4 lessons a week on spelling rules. Many children struggle with spellings so we practise them daily and hope children practise at home too! Opportunities to spell out loud in game style scenarios really helps memory and cognition. Knowing all the most frequently used words really helps confidence and enables children to focus on new spellings and the content of their writing instead. Can your child spell all the Y1 and 2 common exception words?



### Reading

  
Your children's fluency and reading for meaning is really improving and this term more children will be included in our Whole Class Reading sessions three 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.

## 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. That way lost items generally get returned to the right person.



### 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 especially at parents' evenings!

