

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We can hardly believe we are already in Term 3, 2023!

Topic – Arctic Adventure

This term we will be learning to think like geographers as we explore the freezing and fabulous world of the Arctic. We will be paying particular focus on our map skills to locate the Arctic Circle on a map of the world and identify the countries within it. We will be investigating the Arctic climate and making comparisons with the weather we have here in the UK as well as identifying the physical features that can be found in the Arctic. We'll find out which animals live in the Arctic, discover how they are adapted to live in such freezing temperatures, and investigate where they can be found by using and reading maps. We will also learn what it is like to live in some of the Arctic cities and compare this with the Inuit way of life.

We will be reading texts linked closely with our Arctic theme such as The Last Polar Bear to develop our story writing skills. We will also be exploring the key features of non-chronological reports before using our research to write informative reports on our favourite Arctic animals.

Reading

Please continue to read as frequently as possible with your child to ensure their continued progress. It is really important that the children are encouraged to read their phonics books and use their decoding skills to develop their fluency and comprehension skills and fully participate in their guided reading groups each week.

Maths

Year 1 we will begin by exploring place value to 20. We will then look at addition and subtraction with numbers up to 20. This will include further exploration of number bonds including the use of part-part-whole models and fact families.

Year 2 will begin this term by learning about shapes. We will consolidate our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes by exploring their properties and counting their sides, edges, and vertices before moving onto lines of symmetry. We will then shift our focus to money where we will practice counting amounts, comparing amounts, and finding change.

Science

In science this term we are moving on from Everyday Materials to focus on Animals Including Humans where we will learn to identify a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will learn to describe and compare the structure of a variety of these animals.

RE

In RE we will be asking ourselves the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'. We will continue to read and explore key parables from the Bible to learn about the lives of some people for whom Jesus was good news by offering friendship, forgiveness and peace.

French

The children are very much looking forward to continuing their French lessons on Tuesday mornings with Mrs Reynolds! Our new unit is called 'Les saisons' and we will be learning to recognise, recall and remember the four seasons in French as well as a short phrase for each season. We will also learn to say which season is our favourite!

PE and Forest School

PE will be taking place on a Wednesday morning for Beech Class this term as we will be visited by a cricket coach to improve our cricket skills! Please make sure that your child wears their school PE kit into school on the day.

Forest School will take place on a Monday afternoon with myself and Mr Chidwick starting on Monday 9th January. The children will continue to wear their Forest School kits home in order to maximise on our time in the woodland and so will need to bring their kits into school each Monday.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Miss Roberts