



Curriculum News

Autumn 2 - Year 2

English:

In English this half term we will be looking at a range of narratives including: The Snail and the Whale and The Princess and the White Bear King. We will also be focusing on non-fiction report writing about animals and their habitats.

We will be linking our English learning in with our overall Topic of the 'Antarctic' and looking at report writing and how to present factual information. We will also be focusing on sequencing, different sentence types and how to use a range of different words to improve our writing.

Maths:

This term we will be learning about multiplication as arrays and repeated addition. We will also be learning about division as repeated subtraction, arrays and halving. Year 2 will also be learning about fractions of shapes and amounts. We will also be focusing on time: what each unit of time means and telling the time and also naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



Reading:

Guided Reading will take place daily, where everyone will read set texts and develop their vocabulary and understanding through a range of activities.

Please ensure that your child reads each night and that the reading records are filled in by yourself or your child.

Please talk to your child about the books they have read by asking them questions and getting them to make predictions.

Topic:

Our topic for this term will be '**Antarctica**'.

In **Science** we will be focusing on living things and their habitats. — We will be focusing on Polar habitats, how animals adapt to their surroundings particularly focusing on the Arctic and food chains. We will also be carrying out investigations to do with ice and how long it takes to melt around different places in the school.

Geography: In geography this half term we will be learning about where Antarctica is situated on the world map, looking at naming and finding continents and oceans, map skills, where the Arctic is and a comparison with the Antarctic and also learning about explorers such as Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

In **P.E** we are looking at gymnastics, balancing skills and overall fitness. PE is on **Wednesday** and all children need to ensure they have the correct PE kit on this day. We encourage fitness and exercise everyday.

SEAL/PSHCE: During circle time we will be learning about what it means to be a good friend, that people don't always have the same opinions as us, how it feels to be angry and how best to deal with this. We will be continuing to carry out our mind-up sessions learning about how the brain works and using our 3 brain breaks a day too prepare ourselves for our learning.

Diary Dates:

13th Nov—Anti Bullying Week

20th Nov— Polar experience workshop year 2.

30th Nov—Parents' Evening (school closes at 2pm)

11th Dec—Choir at Regents Hall Concert

13th Dec—Seasonal Songs Concert—Yrs. 1, 2 & 3

15th Dec—School closes at 2pm

3rd Jan 2018—Children return back to school

Homework:

We encourage children to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables including division facts and being able to answer them? Reading every night including discussing the book and also practising writing. This can be completed in any form