

Foxes Newsletter

Spring 2019

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that you enjoyed the holidays.

This term, our topic is '**Frozen World**' exploring aspects of the polar regions including the animals that live there, the climate, keeping warm and a famous explorer!



In English we will begin the term by building up our store of adjectives, leading to improved descriptive writing. We will also be working on instruction writing.

Our geography will focus on the contrast in weather and landscape in polar regions, using atlases and maps.

In R.E. we will look at special texts; the children will be asked to bring in a special book to share.

In the second half of the term we will be contrasting our work with a focus on warmer climates. We will be looking at stories, art and life in the countries that make up the continent of Africa.



On a **Thursday** the children can choose a **library book** to share at home.

New **spellings** will be sent home to learn on a **Wednesday**, these will correspond with phonics work and will be assessed on the following Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child brings their **reading book, reading record** and bag **everyday** so they are ready to read to an adult. It makes a huge difference to your child's progress in reading if you can share a few pages of the book with your child **every day** at home and record this in their record book.

PE takes place on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please make sure your child has appropriate named kit in school every week. They will also need **warm outdoor clothes everyday** so that we can work outside.

Further information about the focus of each curriculum area can be found on the reverse of this sheet.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Baines and Mrs Frame



Curriculum Area	Learning Focus
Literacy	Our non-fiction work will be writing instructions , this will tie in with ICT work on recipes and their presentation. We will also be getting descriptive and creating writing based on winter weather. Stories and shared class reading will focus on our topic. Later in the term we will also look at stories from another culture .
Maths	The term will start with measurement, moving through time , starting with o'clock, half past and quarter past and to, then onto length and height . We will also build on work with multiplication then division , including fractions .
Science	Animals including humans – We will be looking at the animals that live in the polar regions: both Arctic and Antarctic. The children will carry out observations and investigations into ice and its' properties and explore ways in which the animals have adapted to the cold climate.
Geography/History	The children will be locating and exploring the Arctic and Antarctic using Google earth, maps and atlases . We will investigate the weather, contrasting local and polar climates . The class will also find out about Shackleton and his polar expedition . For the second half of term we will use our knowledge of life in the Polar regions to contrast living in the continent of Africa.
RE	Special words and books The children will share books that are special to them and consider why they are special. They will then go on to explore why the Bible is special to Christians.
Art	In art the class will explore pattern making and look at Inuit art. We will also look at texture and create polar region landscapes through collage.
ICT	We are chefs: we will be looking at recipes and instructional writing linked to our literacy work leading to presenting a tv cooking style clip. The children will also work on illustration using technology.
Music	We will be listening to winter inspired music to collect ideas for our own compositions. The children will make sound collages to generate ideas for our writing.
PE and Games	PE for the children this term will be Karate and 'Learn, Play, Grow' both of which they will learn from a specialist coach. Through Karate they will gain skills in balance and self-discipline and in 'Learn, Play, Grow' they will develop coordination and multi skills.
PSHCE	The children will follow the Seal topic for this term which is Going for Goals . This will included the themes of; Persistence, Resilience and Setting and achieving goals.

