

Year 1 Autumn 2 2021

Polar Explorers!



We hope you had a restful half-term break, we are so excited to start this term with you!

This term's topic is 'Polar explorers!' The children will be looking at famous explorers and discovering some wonderful characters in the books that we will be exploring in our English lessons. This is a topic that we know the children will love and we can't wait to start our polar exploration adventure with them!

Phonics

To continue to support your child with phonics, always encourage your child to use their sounds to 'sound out' words before putting the sounds together to make words when sharing reading books.

Here is a useful link to support you with pronouncing the 'sounds' we teach your child in school.
https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2016/05/05/20/22/32/561/20097_content/index.html?id=ae

Here is also a useful website which will enable you to support your child with phonics in a variety of ways.
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>

Reading

We would like you to read with your child as many times a week as possible. Reading books can be changed daily. Please make sure the children bring their book bags in every day.

The children receive dojos and certificates for their reading so please make sure you sign your child's reading diary when they are reading at home. Remember to encourage the children to apply their phonics as they read, looking for sounds in words to secure the accuracy of reading and develop further fluency.

Home learning

Home learning has been uploaded onto class dojo. The children will receive Dojo points for each piece of home learning completed.



ClassDojo

P.E.

PE for class 6 will be on a **Monday**, class 5 will be on **Thursday** and Class 4 on a **Friday**.

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit. To suit the colder weather please can this consist of a plain hoodie, a plain t-shirt, jogging bottoms, plimsolls or trainers. Please ensure clothes do not have logos on.

Please make sure that your child has their earrings removed and hair tied up. Your child will not be able to participate in PE if their earrings are not removed due to safety reasons.

PE lessons will take place outside in most weathers so please ensure the children are dressed accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, Teachers are available to speak to via ClassDojo or through calling the school office.



What are we learning about in Year 1 this half term?

English

Focus texts

The Great Explorer - Chris Judge
Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers

- Recognise and form letters correctly.
- Label pictures using phonics to support spelling.
- Write simple sentences using capital letters and full stops remembering finger spaces. Use of conjunctions.
- Read together pointing carefully at the words using phonic skills to decode words.

Maths

Part whole within 10

- The part whole model
- Number bonds (related facts)
- Finding number bonds
- Comparing number bonds

How you can help...

Find different ways of making numbers using objects around the home.

Science

Materials

- Identify different materials
- Talk about what different objects are made from
- Describe the properties of different materials
- Test different materials.

How you can help...

Talk about what different things at home are made from.

Art/DT

Design, make, test and evaluate.

- Design, functional and appealing products for self. Based on a design criteria.
- To communicate ideas in different ways.
- Select materials from a range of materials.
- Evaluate my ideas.
- Build structures.

How you can help...

Look at your favourite chocolate. Describe the packaging.

History

Lives of Significant Individuals.

- Scott and Amundsen Race
- Comparing lives from then to now.

How you can help...

Share a picture of Scott and Amundsen.

RE

The Christmas Story

- What gifts are special to us?
- What gifts were in the Christmas Story
- Retelling the Christmas Story
- What gifts would we give to Jesus?

How you can help...

Share the Christmas Story.
Share gifts we would give to a new baby.

Computing

Digital Painting

- Use the shape tool
- Print a digital picture
- Explain the tools I used
- Compare painting a picture on a computer and one on paper

How you can help...

Explore the 'shapes' tool on word.

P.E.

Fundamentals

- Explore balance and stability
- Running at different speeds
- Changing direction and dodging
- Jumping, hopping and skipping
- Co-ordination
- Combination jumping and skipping

How you can help...

Practice jumping, skipping and hopping.

Music

Rhythm in the way we walk.

- Playing instruments
- Using our voices.
- Listen to music
- Experiment with making sounds

How you can help...

Use everyday objects around the house to make music and play along to songs.



Celebrating Differences

- Looking at the similarities and differences between others
- To talk about bullying and who to talk to if they are unhappy
- To learn about making new friends and using kind words