



Year 2 Spring Term

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating with friends and family. We are excited to welcome all the children back and look forward to some fantastic learning. We have lots of exciting learning planned as we start our new topic 'Race to the South Pole'. We look forward to inviting parents into school so children can share their learning, as such we will be hosting an end of topic parents' session towards the end the half term where you will be able to see what we have been learning about.

Important Dates:

Monday 8th January – Term Begins

Thursday 18th January – Rock Kidz Day

Tuesday 6th February – Online Safety Day

Thursday 8th February - Race to the South Pole parent event

Thursday 8th February – EYFS and KS1 disco (3:15-4:15)

Friday 9th February – Non-uniform day

School closed for half term week beginning Monday 12th February

Monday 19th February – INSET day

Tuesday 20th February – term begins

28th February – 6th March – book fair in school

Wednesday 28th February – 3:30-7:00 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 20th March – Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bingo (3:30-4:30 and 5:30-6:30)

Thursday 28th March – Non-uniform day

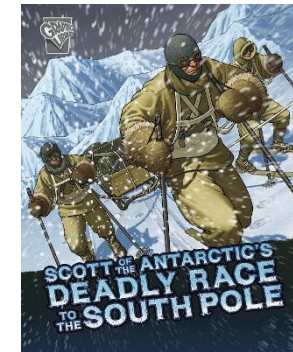
Thursday 28th March – school closes at 3:10pm

English

In English we will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction. We will be learning to write information texts all about the different vehicles we will be learning about in topic.

We will be reading books linked to the theme of the South Pole and focusing on the text 'The Race to the South Pole!'. We will be planning our own adventure in the cold and using the past tense, expanded noun phrases for description and a range of conjunction types when writing our own fiction text.

We will also be writing poems linked to our materials topic in science. We will be writing 'What am I?' riddles and calligram poems focusing on the properties of materials. .



Reading

As well as daily class guided reading, children in Year 2 will be reading poetry daily too from the book 'Poems to Perform'. We will be focusing on reading aloud to build confidence, using expression and intonation. We will also be reading Jeremy Strong's novel; The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog, a really funny story that Year 2 will love in addition to the stories from the school library. Children will also be using the school library on a weekly basis to find texts that they love to read and share! Decodable books will also be changed throughout the week so please ensure children bring them in once complete.

Phonics

In Phonics we use a Government approved scheme called Phonics Shed. Children will be starting Chapter 4b, and will include the sounds - ay (day) ou (out) ie (tie) ea (east) oy (boy) ir (girl) ue (blue) aw (saw) wh (when) ph (photo) ew (new) oe (toe) au (Paul) Split digraphs a-e (make) e-e(these) i-e (like) o-e (home) u-e (rule)

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about position and direction linked to our topic of air travel. We will be learning about the mathematical vocabulary linked to direction and use this to direct our friends around assault courses and to navigate maps. We will then move onto time, learning about the hands of a clock and telling time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter too. We will also be learning about litres and millilitres, measuring the day-to-day rainfall, and using scales. Finally, we will be learning about statistics and using our local community to produce data about different transport types.

Science

In science we will be continuing our 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning about what humans and other animals need to survive and stay healthy. We will learn about food chains and how animals depend on each other to survive. We will also be investigating why exercise is important and what happens to our bodies when we exercise regularly.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and how Hindu's express their devotion. We will be identifying what makes the people in our lives special and how we can show our love and devotion to them. We will even be learning about 'arti lamps' and creating our own.

PSHE

We will starting a new PSHE topic called 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will be establishing what rules are and how they are important to our everyday life.

Music

In music we will be working Mrs Jones, a singing specialist who will be teaching us to sing using tone, pitch and tempo.

Geography and History Knowledge

We will be learning all about the race to the South Pole! Following in the footsteps of Robert Scott and Roald Admunson we will be finding out about their treacherous journey to the bottom of the earth! We will be chronicling their journey, investigating using sources and comparing their adventure to modern day explorers. In Geography we will be finding out where the South Pole is as we learn all the continents and oceans of the world. We will be learning about the geographical differences between the UK, the South Pole and Australia, linked to our learning last year.

DT

In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a moving vehicle. We will be learning about axles and wheels to ensure our vehicle can move and using art learned art skills to give our vehicles an engaging design.

Computing

In computing we will be creating animations. To build on our basic iPad skills, we will be using an app called STOP MOTION STUDIO to create stop motion animations of the adventures to the South Pole.

PE

In PE we will learning tennis with Teddy Tennis! We will be learning skills linked to movement, accuracy of shots and pace.