

Be calm, considerate, courteous, courageous.....and enjoy!

Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Topic

This half term we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be looking at what animals live there, how they survive and the people that live in these frozen waste lands. We will be looking at how the Inuit people lived in the past and comparing it to their modern day lives. Also we will be looking at the famous explorers that risked their lives to discover these lands, such as Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton.

Family homework

We would like you to create an Arctic animal or an Inuit style home as part of the family homework task before the end of this term. You could draw a picture, paint or make a model.

Numeracy

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, using the sharing and grouping methods. We will also be looking at fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$'s. As well as this we will be looking at

collecting data and using this data to create graphs and charts.

Literacy

This term the children will be focusing on using ?, !, expanded noun phrases (I could see a **tall, white** boat.) In Mr Penno's literacy group similes (The torch light was as bright as the Sun.) and preposition words (The Arctic explorer was **next to** the huge mountain). The children will be retelling a story and letter writing, which will be closely linked to the topic.

Science

This term we will be looking at experiments that link to the changing state of materials. (ICE) We will be looking at ways to melt ice and try to discover which materials melt ice the fastest. We will also be looking at insulation and what materials we can use to keep us or a drink warm.

Physical Education

This half term we will be focusing on apparatus and gym. Your children will therefore need their indoor P.E. kits on a Monday.

ICT

The children will continue to be taught all about E-Safety and how to stay safe on the internet.

Art

This term the pupils will be learning about drawing techniques used by the Inuit people. We will also be looking at symmetrical drawings and reflections.

Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home. Children also need to continue to practise their spellings, which they are given every Thursday.

**Thank you for your support.
Miss Kelly and Mr Penno**





