

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



Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Topic

This half term for our topic we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be finding out what animals live there, how they survive and the people that live in these frozen wastelands. We will be looking at how the Inuit people lived in the past and will be comparing it to their modern day lives. We will also be looking at the famous explorers that risked their lives to discover these frozen 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 collecting data and using this data to create graphs and charts.



Literacy:

This term the children will be focusing on using question marks, exclamation marks, expanded noun phrases (I could see a **tall, white** boat.) and preposition words. (The Arctic explorer was **next to** the huge mountain). The children's work will be based on the retelling of a story (Lost and found), letter writing which will be closely linked to the topic and writing up scientific experiments.



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. As well as this, we will be finding out about insulation and what materials we can use to keep us, or a drink

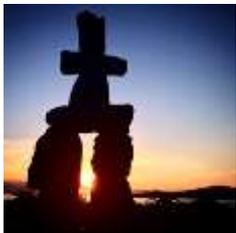
warm. Can they select a good material to keep their liquid warm?

Physical Education

This half term we will be focusing on gym. The children will therefore need their indoor P.E. kits on a Tuesday.

ICT The children will continue to be taught all about E-Safety and the dangers of the internet.

Art This term the children will be learning about drawing techniques used by the Inuit people. We will also be looking at symmetrical drawings and reflections. There will also be some work on Inuit sculptures as we look at and make Inukshuks



Challenge: The children will use what they have learnt to decide from a list of items what they feel will be most important to their survival if they were stranded in Antarctica. They will have to order certain items in order of importance. Alongside this, they will be designing and building a shelter to keep them safe and warm. This will build on from their skills that they have previously learnt when working on the

rainforest challenge. Throughout this topic there will also be a variety of mini challenges for the children to try and solve, based on real life problems that explorers faced.

Please make every effort is made to ensure your child reads every day as well as continuing to practise their spellings on Edshed.

Thank you for all your support.
Miss Herrington and Mr Penno



