

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



## Year 2 Newsletter

### **Topic**

This half term we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be finding out about the animals that live there, how they survive and about 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. You could draw or paint a picture, or make a 3D model.

### **Maths**

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, using the sharing and grouping methods, as well as arrays. We will also be looking at fractions including  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$  of a whole and then we will move onto geometry which involves looking at 2D and 3D shapes and the language that goes with it.

### **English:**

This half 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 written work will be based on the story Lost and Found, where they will retell a story and write a letter.



### **Science**

This half term we will be looking at experiments that link to the changing state of materials. We will be looking at ways to melt ice and discovering which materials melt ice the fastest. We will also be finding out about insulation and what materials we can use to keep us, or a drink warm.

### **Physical Education**

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

### **ICT**

The children will be learning how to type up and edit work that they have written.

### **Art**

This half term the children will be learning drawing techniques used by the Inuit people.

We find out about and make our own Inuit sculptures using stones.



### **Challenge**

The children will decide, from a list of items, what they think would be the most important to their survival if they were stranded in Antarctica, based on what they have learned. The children will also design and make a shelter to keep them safe and warm. This will build on from the skills that they have previously learned during our rainforest challenge. Throughout this topic there will be a variety of mini challenges for the children to try and solve, based on real life problems that explorers faced.

### **Reading**

Please ensure that your child reads every day at home. Please support your child to practise their spellings.

**Thank you for your continued support.  
The Year 2 Team**







