

Spring 1 2025 Year 1 and 2 - Curriculum Overview and Homework



Our learning

This term, our topic is 'Arctic Adventures'.



During our **English** lessons, we will focus on revising rhyming couplets and identifying the different types of poems, reciting a well known story and using this to plan and write our own version. The children will be looking at writing expanded noun phrases for character and setting descriptions, as well as continuing to develop the children's understanding of using a variety of punctuation and sentence structure.

In **Maths**, Year One children will be revisiting place value, looking at the value of an amount and understanding the value of amounts beyond 10, add and subtract, learning to use and apply knowledge of number bond and doubles to 20, as well as looking at measure; length, height, mass and volume. In Year Two, children will be revisiting money; comparing amounts, finding change and solving two step problems, as well as multiplying and dividing amounts; making equal groups and sharing out amounts practically by 2s, 5s and 10s, looking at length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

Our **Geography** lessons will focus on hot and cold countries, recognising the seven continents of the world and exploring and comparing the weather both around the world and specifically in the arctic regions.

In our **Art** lessons, we will be researching famous artists, including the arctic landscape painter David Mceown and using watercolours to create different tones for an arctic background wash. The children will be using a variety of textured materials to create the foreground and images of arctic animals to create a collage.

In **PSHE**, we will be looking at identifying strengths and skills in both ourselves and others; know about people whose job in the community is to help us; understand what money is and the difference between a need and want; know how to look after money and its different forms and understand that people make choices about their spending.

In **Computing**, we will be using the program Purple Mash to edit and explore sounds, edit and refine composed music and upload and create new sounds with a link to English lessons. The **PE** focus this half term, is indoor athletics and football.

Please remember to listen to your child read as many times as you can and record it in their planner. If your child is using Read Write Inc, please read the e-book on Oxford Owl and then the book bag book sent home each week. The children will be tested on their weekly spellings on a Thursday and Maths homework sheets will be provided weekly. This must be brought in by Wednesday each week to be marked.

These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The tasks below are optional extras.

Art collage

Using a variety of 'cool coloured' materials, create a collage of an arctic image.



Science and Maths

Freeze arctic animals in coloured ice. Place them in different places around your home and time how long it takes each to melt.



Design Technology



Create an igloo using craft materials. Research who might live in an igloo and why people built them.

Arts and Crafts

Create your own Inukshuck statue using stones or small ice cubes. Take a photograph and upload it to Google Classroom.



English: Non Chronological report

Choose an arctic animal, research and write a fact file all about them.



Geography

Look at a globe or world map on Google. Identify where the arctic regions are and why you think it is so cold there.



Art and English

Research and draw the **Aurora Borealis** (Northern Lights) Where can we see these lights and why do they occur? What colours can you usually see?

English

Write questions about what you would like to know about the arctic regions? Record the answers and quiz your class! How many answers will they know?!