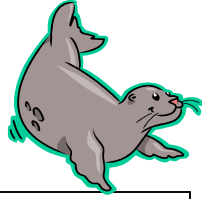




Key stage 1 Spring 1



Literacy

We are going to read and learn the story 'Big Bear, Little brother'. We will think about the emotions of the characters and then write a diary as one of those characters. We will read the story 'Blue penguin' and then write information booklets about penguins and the world they live in. We will write a story where differences is the theme.

Science

We are going to be looking at arctic food chains. We will think about how animals are adapted to help them survive in cold climates. The children will conduct science experiments around keeping things hot or cold. We will see how temperature changes different materials, such as ice.

Maths

In maths we will practising our number bonds and solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also learn about telling the time and mass or weight.



To **hook** the children into our frozen planet topic we will come into school to find that our classrooms have become an Arctic wonderland. How does it feel to be in the Arctic? What would we see and hear?

Our **round up** is a science experiment. The date will be confirmed later in the half term.



Geography / history.

We will be learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton. We will compare how explorers travelled then to now. We will create timelines and use photos to gain knowledge about the past. We will find out where in the world he travelled to.

This term our topic is:
Frozen Planet.

Music

This half term the children will be learning to play the ukulele.

All Things New!

NEW

Each class will have the opportunity to use the school library **on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. The children will be able to choose a book to read for pleasure at home, to go alongside their coloured reading book which is matched to their reading level. Please remind your child to change their library book when they need to.

NEW

This half term we are lucky enough to be having our Chelsea coaches on a **Friday** for PE. The children can wear their PE kits into school on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

PSHE

We will be thinking about what makes a good friend. This will involve how to be a good friend, and how we feel when we fall out with our friends.

ICT

The children will be learning to create code using Beebots. They will then learn to solve problems by 'debugging' their code.

Art

We will be creating collages around the theme of our frozen planet. We will learn to sort and select materials, to tear and crumple, and arrange materials to create a collage.

PE

Our Chelsea foundation coaches will be building on our agility, balance and coordination skills in a variety of sports. We will also learn dance techniques around our frozen planet theme.

Design Technology

We will be designing, planning, making and evaluating puppets linked to the pantomime performed in school.

RE

We will be thinking about the concept of new beginnings. We will learn about Holi. We will hear the story of Krishna and Radha.

Homework



Lots of children have reached their 50 read milestone last half term, well done if your child is one of them! Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes each night and to write a comment in their reading diaries.



Remember – Hold a sentence homework will go out on a **Friday** and is due back in on the following **Friday**. You will receive an email every Friday with all the homework, including Purple Mash activities so give these a try!