



Spring Term 2018



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Arctic Adventures

Our Topic this term is:

We will be travelling into the freezing and fabulous Arctic in this 'Arctic Adventures' topic.

Federation Day:

We will be visiting our friends at Whalton C of E Primary on the 1st February. This day will host numerous fun Maths activities and games.



PE: In the first half term we will be having Football Coaching by the Trident Team and in Spring 2 we will change our focus to Gymnastics, with Sam Dronsfield as our coach!



RE: We will look at the teaching from the Gospel in Spring 1, thinking about the question: What is the good news Jesus brings? We will then move on to thinking about: Why Easter matters to Christians as part of our Salvation topic in Spring 2.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: The spelling test will be every Thursday. Your child's scores can be found at the back of their homework book. Each week I will randomly select one spelling which will be given to the children within a simple dictated sentence. For example; The boy was sad. (spelling - boy).

Reading Challenge: We will be monitoring children's reading and expect the children to be reading **at least 3 times** a week at home. The children whom are successful with this will receive a certificate at the end of each half term. Please can reading records come in every day to help us with this, and please remember to sign and date the book.

Homework: The weekly homework task will be given out every Friday. It can be put into the homework tray at any point before the following Thursday. If there are any problems, please don't worry, just pop a note in their reading record or come in and see me.

Show and Tell: Every Friday, we will have time for some children to show and tell. We will use 'show and tell' to encourage confidence within speaking and listening, and also to help the children to learn how to be part of an effective audience and to ask effective questions. To ensure the time is used for valuable learning, your child will be given a date; and will be expected to share some information about something which they are interested in.

Topic: Our topic will provide us with the opportunity to explore animal characteristics, groupings and habitats as well as looking at the properties of ice within Science. In Art, we will be taking inspiration from the colours of the Arctic landscapes, Aurora Borealis and sculptures. Similarly, we will use our learning about the history of Inuit people and way of life to help us to design an Inuit-style boat. Finally, Geography will be central to the topic. We will study the Arctic-circle, the climate and the physical features, before comparing this a city within the UK.

