

# Year Two Newsletter Autumn 2 2021

## FROZEN PLANET

### Science

We will explore how penguins have adapted to living in Antarctica. We will read 'The Emperor's Egg' and learn about Antarctica animals and their young. We will also learn about food chains in Antarctica and the life cycle of Emperor penguins.



### R.E.

We will learn about Christian stories in the Bible. We will re-tell the Christmas story and explore how Advent time is a time when Christians prepare for Christmas.

### Computing

We will learn about internet safety and will be using ipads (Kiddle) to research facts about penguins.

As members of a **global community** we will explore Climate Change and begin to understand how it is affecting Antarctica.

### P.E.

We will be aiming to improve our gymnastic skills. We will develop our movement skills and our balance to create sequences on the apparatus. We will take part in the year 2 PE Festival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November (details to follow).



### English

In our non-fiction writing, we will be making fact files about Emperor penguins. We will use the conjunctions 'and' or 'because' to link our ideas. We will continue to learn to use capital letters, full stops and question marks.

### Maths

We will learn mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We will learn to count on and back accurately on a number line. We will use our knowledge of tens and units to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. We will learn to count and add different amounts of money.

### Art

We will draw Emperor penguins, leopard seals and orcas to create an Antarctica display. We will explore photographs of Antarctica and collage our own landscapes.

### DT

We will explore how to use moving mechanisms to make sliding penguin pictures. We will also learn to fold and cut carefully to make some wonderful Christmassy creations!

### Geography

We will use Google earth to explore the habitat of Antarctica and how it is different to other continents. We will look at maps of the world and learn to name all the continents. We will be asking geographical questions to investigate Antarctica and compare it to Frome.



### History

We will also learn about famous Explorers who have travelled to Antarctica. We will learn about perseverance and why Scott of Antarctica is still famous today. We will also learn about the present day explorer, Felicity Ashton, and ask her questions about Antarctica.

### Phonics in Year 2

We will continue to follow the **Read Write Inc** scheme for phonics. Every morning, the children will work in their phonic groups to re-cap and learn new phonic speed sounds. We will also develop blending skills with 'Fred Talk' so we can use phonic knowledge to read new words confidently. Children will continue to bring home a Read Write Inc book to read to you at home.

During the first week of December, the children will take part in a Statutory Phonic check where they will use phonic skills to read 40 decodable real and nonsense words to their teacher.

### Reading in Year 2

We will continue to develop our reading skills by reading daily in class and through guided reading activities. Please hear your child read regularly at home with the books we send home in book bags AND/OR Oxford Owl on-line.

Please write in the reading record every time your child reads to you. We will always change reading books on a THURSDAY and we will expect the children to have read the reading books twice. If you would like extra books please use Oxford Owl.

**Reading Rocket Challenge** - We will be starting a reading incentive challenge this half term to encourage the children to read lots at home! Children will colour stars on a bookmark every time they read at home. More details coming soon on Seesaw/in Reading Records.

### Spellings in Year 2

From this Thursday your child will bring home a weekly list of spellings. Please support your child to learn the spellings at home. We will check the spellings every Thursday. Please also use Spelling Shed online to practise spelling skills.

### SeeSaw

Please continue to check SeeSaw because we will use it to let you know about any information about year 2.