

Year Two Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

FROZEN PLANET

Science

We will explore how penguins have adapted to living in Antarctica. We will 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 different celebrations. We will tell the Christmas story and make a class Christmas advent calendar, understanding the significance of advent.

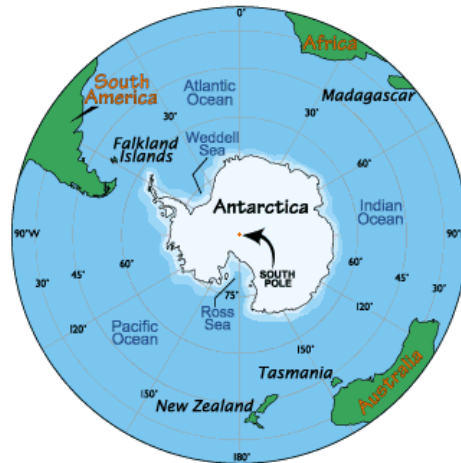
Computing

We will be using ipads to research Emperor penguins.

As members of a **global community** we will begin to understand how Antarctica is changing due to global warming and the impact this has to wildlife.

P.E.

We will be aiming to improve our dancing skills. We will develop our movement skills linked to our Frozen Planet topic.



English

We will continue to learn spelling and phonic patterns. We will be reading and writing poems. We will learn about adjectives and nouns. In our non-fiction writing we will be learning to write sentences about Emperor penguins.

Maths

We will learn mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We will use our knowledge of tens and units to add and subtract 2 digit numbers to know all our number bonds up to 100.

Art and D.T.

We will design snowflakes and paint animals to create an Antarctica display. We will be looking closely at photographs of Antarctica and making our own landscapes. As Christmas approaches, we will have lots of fun with Christmas craft activities!

Geography and History

We will use Google Earth to explore the habitat of Antarctica. We will learn to name the physical features in Antarctica. 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. We will also learn about famous Explorers who have travelled to Antarctica: Scott of Antarctica and Anne Bancroft.



Reading and Homework

We will be continuing to develop our reading skills by reading daily in our phonics groups and during our topic work. Please ensure that you regularly hear your child read at home. Please write in the reading record every time your child reads to you and send the reading record into school. Alongside this, weekly spellings will continue to come home to practise. We thank you for your support with helping your child to learn these at home, as this supports their learning in school. The children are tested every Friday. Games are available on Spelling Shed to support learning the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words we learn. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher, ring school or message us on Seesaw.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Simenton & Miss Murtagh (Fir) Mrs Jackson (Beech)

Our Year 2 Christmas Nativity Play is called 'The Big Little Nativity'. We are looking forward to performing and are already learning all of the songs. Letters will go out about costumes shortly.



The performance dates are Thursday 7th December at 2pm and Friday 8th December at 9.30am.