



Willow Class



Spring Term 2020

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a great Christmas with family and friends. A busy term lies ahead...

Topics

The '**Frozen Kingdom**' is calling us. Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories - incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly! In our Geography lessons we will trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. We must be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind! We will research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. We will become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly berg that hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean. So wrap up well everyone! Adventure a-waits!



Our Art and D&T work will be linked to this topic. Our English and Drama lessons will also, where possible, be linked to this topic.

As part of our Frozen Kingdom topic, we plan to take the children to visit the **Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge on Thursday 13th February** - more details to follow. Save the date!

The children will continue to use a range of different styles of writing, fictional and non-fictional for a variety of purposes and audiences. Our writing lessons and creative writing opportunities will continue and we will be supporting the children in class to plan their ideas for these writing sessions. This term we are looking for the children to continue to produce quality writing and to extend their ideas.

Children will keep on having **half termly Home Learning projects** linked to projects or topics taught, as well as weekly maths, TTRockstars and SPAG.com exercises. Please do continue to encourage your child to learn their grammar terminology and times tables regularly as this really does support many aspects of their English and Maths work. There are many ways to learn times tables at home such as bingo, speed tables, flash cards, saying them together and online games.

Children will continue to be taught Games by our Sports coach on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child's **full PE kit is in school every day and that all items are clearly named**.

In **Science**, we will be continuing our work on humans and health, moving on to learning about evolution and inheritance - looking particularly at how animals in frozen environments are adapted to survive.

In **RE** our work on Buddhism and Christianity will cover belonging to a community, sacred spaces, religious leadership, prayer and the story of Easter.

In **Computing** children will use software to manipulate and represent data in a variety of ways. They will continue to use the internet for research to support their learning and as part of our e-twinning project.

Please feel free to send in any items you think would support the children's learning this term such as books, photographs, posters, artefacts etc.

Learning Together Mornings

We are delighted to continue our 'Learning Together' mornings this year. The dates of these sessions are listed below.

Tuesday 14th January

Friday 31st January

Tuesday 11th February

Thursday 5th March

Tuesday 17th March

Thursday 2nd April

We hope you find this information useful. The term promises to be a busy but exciting one. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Willow Class Team

Mrs Tweedale, Mrs Whittet & Mrs Ogden