

Term 3

We will be focusing on the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah during the first week back after the Christmas holiday. It's the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. If any one celebrates Hanukkah it would be lovely if you could come and talk to the children.

In week two we will start our new topic; Winter Wonderland!

As an introduction we will be watching Happy Feet on Friday afternoon with Foundation. You may like to provide a small 'cinema' snack for this.

We will be learning about the changes with in seasons, the months of the year and the different climates around the world. The children will read non-fiction and research penguins.

Splat Challenges

We will continue to do our Splat challenges. The children are expected to self regulate their completed challenges by ticking their names. The challenges include handwriting activities, games to practise phonics and a variety of maths challenges. These are in addition to the taught / guided lessons.

Uniform

As the weather gets colder don't forget to send in named hats, scarves, gloves and Wellington boots, as we would like the children to be equipped to use the outdoor activities in all weather.

Year 1

Mrs Rudd and Mrs Stockley

Guided Reading

We are running low on Guided Reading sets, as not all books have been returned. The children need to bring their books to school every day as the Guided Reading groups rotate throughout the week. Please have a look over the holidays to see if there are any school books at home so we can start the New Year with full sets!

Homework

Year 1 will receive homework, starting in the second week back. This will consist of spellings and/or number work. The children will not be tested on these, it is purely to consolidate their phonics and maths work, and for you to support their learning.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for parent and grandparent helpers, as some of our activities will not be able to go ahead without your help.

Please let us know if you could help with any of the following:

* **Forest School:** Foundation - Thursday pm
Year 1 - Thursday 10:15- 12:00 pm.

* **Cooking** - Tuesday

* **Reading** - any day and time!

We would love to have more adults to help with reading, so any time you have would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any other interests or activities you could help with please let us know! Thank you.

PE

This term we will be having rugby sessions on Fridays with external coaches. Our other PE session will be Multi-skills and this will continue to be on Mondays with Miss Abrey.

We will start changing for PE this term, so the children will need a PE kit in school - dark joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. Children with long hair must have it tied back on PE days, and no jewellery is to be worn.

Thank you.

Topic Overview - Year One

Winter Wonderland

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cave with polar animals- North pole and South pole 	Educational Visits/ Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polar animal on Zookam • Happy feet – Friday cinema experience. 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Non-fiction about polar animals/seasons/winter. ✓ Solo – story sack. ✓ Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers.
Outcomes /Open Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaflets about animals 	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wk2 – set homework books ○ Show and tell – linked to topic
English	<p>Writing to inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaflets about polar animals/hibernating mammals ✓ Non fiction Guided Reading ✓ Researching types of Penguins 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shape and space – geometry ✓ Multiplication and division ✓ Ongoing - counting forwards and back. ✓ Months of the Year
Art / DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Frosty pictures – using a range of resources. ✓ Creating textures ✓ Collaborative art – winter scenes. 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Seasons – ongoing ✓ Hibernation ✓ Comparing mammals, reptiles, ✓ Weather ✓ Materials – glove experiment
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hanukkah (first week back) 	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four Seasons – Vivaldi. Listening and creating own winter music.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purple Mash – leaflets, adding pictures to text. 	PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rugby ✓ Dancing – Happy Feet.
		Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Blow away art for Hanukkah ✓ Exploring the weather ✓ Making shelters
History			
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Seven continents ✓ Vocabulary to describe landscapes and weather 	PSHE + SMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Rules ✓ Energy conservation. ✓ Climate change

