



Pole to Pole

Our Learning Journey began this term when we received a letter from our faithful friends. Unfortunately, since we have opened a mystery box called, 'The insidium', we have been transported to snowy unfamiliar lands full of polar animals. We have to help our friends identify and learn about these amazing creatures so we can outsmart the Greap.

The discovery of a mysterious white feather will lead us into learning facts about many arctic animals. We will make a fact book and learn about the features of a non-fiction text.

After half term, we will learn about explorers. We will learn about a range of explorers including, Preet Chandi and Sir Ernest Shackleton who explored the Antarctic. We will be writing our own diary entries and imagining how it would feel to be part of Shackleton's team of explorers. We will compare explorers today compared to the past.

We will be immersing ourselves in all things to do with the two poles through art, music and dance. We will continue to develop our story writing skills, building up to our own independent stories based on a book about a fictional explorer in a polar region.

Through our Maths work, we will be recognising numbers to 100 and beyond and learning how to read and write them in words and digits. We will also be looking at how many tens and ones there are in numbers, as well as solving many addition, subtraction multiplication and division problems. In Science, we will be learning about the life cycle of animals including penguins and tadpoles. We will be looking at the properties of materials and carrying out investigations deepening our understanding of why different materials are suitable for different uses.

We will be learning new musical skills this half term and we will continue to learn to play the recorder. In Geography, we will be identifying the continents and oceans of the world. We will also be looking at and comparing the temperatures of different parts of the world.

In Art, we will be learning the skills of colour mixing. We will use the cold colours on our colour wheel to produce a piece of polar art. We will be setting up an art gallery on the playground, where you can purchase the children's artwork as part of our enterprise. The children will then decide what to spend the money on.

You are invited to celebrate your child's learning this half term at 2.30pm on Thursday 12th February. You can purchase your child's framed artwork and share their learning with them.

We will also be holding a making event where you can help the children to make their snowmobiles. This will take place in March. Date TBC



If you have any skills or knowledge linked to our polar topic that you think the children could benefit from, please speak to your child's class teacher.