

Poles Apart!

Year 2

Term 2

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on collecting a variety of data and showing this in different ways. We will be making Venn diagrams, tally charts and pictograms. We will also be using our map skills and learning the points of a compass.

GEOGRAPHY

As geographers, we will be comparing seasons in the UK to seasons in the Arctic. We will be looking at the six climate zones of the world and seeing how they compare to the UK. We will be looking closely at the physical and human features in the Arctic and how different it is to the UK. We will also be looking at the continents and oceans of the world.

HISTORY

As historians, we will be learning about Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, Robert Falcon and Roald Amundsen. We will be learning about their explorations. We will be looking at the lives of traditional Inuits and how their lives have changed over time.

SCIENCE

As scientists, we will be looking at animals and humans. We will be looking at how animals get their food from plants and other animals. We will be looking at habitats and how different animals thrive in different habitats and why. We will also be looking at planting and growing plants.



ART

As artists, we will be honing our sculpting, painting and printing skills to create a variety of pieces around the polar regions. We will be creating landscapes, Inuit sculptures and Aurora Borealis chalk pastel paintings. We will also be taking inspiration from Henri Rousseau to create a habitats collage.

THE WIDER CURRICULUM

This term please note:

Every Wednesday will be PE. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE uniform.

Every Thursday we will have Forest School in the afternoons. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their forest school clothes for them to get changed into in the afternoon.

With thanks,

Mrs Potterton and Mrs Humphries

ENGLISH

As writers, we will be looking at a variety of texts all around the topic of polar regions including; 'Poles Apart' by Jeanne Willis, 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo, 'The Big Book of the Blue' by Yuval Zommer and 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. We will be using these texts to write an information leaflet on the Inuit people, diary entries as though we are in the Arctic and we will be writing postcards to explorers.

READING

As readers, we will be using a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, many of these linked to our theme work. We will be enhancing our skills at making inferences and picking out vital information from texts. We will also be looking at writing formal written answers to questions about the texts.

P.E.

As athletes we will be learning a variety of multi skills to help us improve our balance, coordination and agility. **Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE uniform on a Wednesday.**