

ENGLISH

As authors, we will start the term by looking at a range of texts relating to our theme of Poles Apart, exploring books about the Arctic and Antarctica.

We will be starting with the wonderful story 'The Great Explorer' and will be focusing on writing character and setting descriptions. Additionally, we will write a beginning of a story and will focus on building on the skills necessary for this, such as: the use of past and present tense and using expanded noun phrases and adjectives for description.

Later in the term, we will move into non-fiction writing, practising our instruction writing skills and we will also build on our letter writing skills too!

MATHEMATICS

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction this term. In this unit, we will focus on using different techniques to add and subtract one digit numbers. We will then move onto looking at 2 digit numbers and how we can use similar strategies to add and subtract.

Following this, we will move on later in the term to shape. In this unit, we will focus on looking at 2D and 3D shapes and lines of symmetry.

We will also continue to practise our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in order to get ready to use TT Rockstars later this term and into Term 3.

READING

As readers, we will be reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, many of these linked to our English or theme topic. We will be enhancing our skills at making inferences through exploring images in books, discussing how characters think and feel and will practise picking out vital information from texts to help us answer questions. We encourage all children to read at home as much as possible to further help improve their reading ability!

Poles Apart

Year 2 - Term 2

P.E (Wednesday's & Thursday's)

As athletes, we will start by focusing on gymnastics where we will be improving our shape, balance and coordination skills.

Later in the term, we will then move onto dodgeball, where the children will be improving their throwing and catching skills. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in a full PE uniform of a white t-shirt, black/grey bottoms, trainers and a school jumper or cardigan.**

SCIENCE

As scientists, we will continue to learn about living things and their habitats. We will continue to explore how animals and plants are suited to their habitats and the different kinds of habitats they have. This will involve us carrying out our own investigations within our forest school area, where we will be learning different ways to collect data and present our findings. We will also be focusing on different food sources and will be looking into where our food comes from - whether we eat more animal products or plant products.

At the end of this unit, we will be creating our own habitat dioramas to display the knowledge we have learnt this term.

HISTORY

As historians, we will be learning about famous explorers including Christopher Columbus and John Cabot. We will be exploring the life of Christopher Columbus and his discovery of North and South America. Furthermore, we will also explore the life of John Cabot and his voyage on The Matthew across the Atlantic ocean to North America. Additionally, we will also be looking into the life of traditional Inuit's and how their lives have changed over time. We will be focusing on how traditional Inuit's live, what they eat and how their daily lives are different from our own.

ART/DT

As artists and designers, we will be focusing on the artist Kenojuak Ashevak. We will be studying her artwork and practising our pattern making skills and creating our own creature stencils. Later in the term we will be building our own class igloo landscape using a variety of materials.

Extra-curricular

- All KS1 children will begin rehearsing our Christmas nativity at the start of the term in preparation for our performance on 6th December.

