

# Reception Newsletter

## Spring 1



Our topic this half term is: **Poles Apart!**

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Throughout this half term, children will explore where polar bears live and how it is different to where penguins live. We will focus on ice and water and investigate why some objects float and why some objects sink. Children will design and make a boat using a variety of materials and will be encouraged to talk about similarities and differences, patterns and change. We will also be visiting Costa for a hot chocolate.

It is important that book bags are brought to school **every day**. Please check in book bags for letters and new books. Remember to write in your child's reading record when you read with them at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please come and speak to us at the end of the school day.

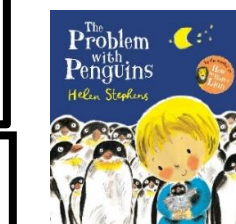
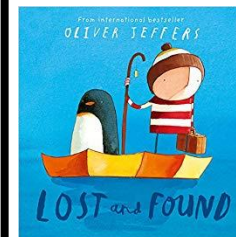
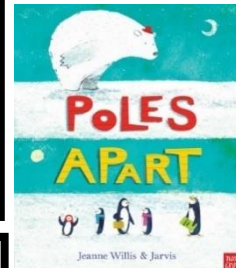
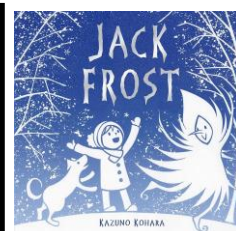
Thank you, Miss Durrant and Mrs Wilson

## English

We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic, 'Poles Apart'. The children will build confidence segmenting to spell and write longer words. We will write simple captions and sentences and look at the use of capital letters and full stops.

Sounds we will be learning this half term: **ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er**

Tricky words we will be learning this half term: **was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure**



## Maths

#MathsEveryoneCan

In maths we will be exploring lots of different concepts:

- Verbally counting beyond 20.
- Counting up to 10 objects and matching them to their numerals.
- Making 5, 6 and 7.
- Exploring one more.
- Comparing using the vocabulary more and fewer.
- Investigating height and length.
- Recognising 2D and 3D shapes.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfhn/numberblocks>

## You can help by...

- Making sure your child has their PE kit at school every Friday.
- Using the internet and non-fiction books to find out about the Arctic and Antarctic.
- Using the Little Wandle phonics resources in your child's reading record to practise all the sounds and tricky words taught so far.
- Reading the Phonics reading book or reading for pleasure book that they bring home in their reading bag.

## We will also be...

- Taking part in a 'Slippery Slope' science investigation.
- Learning ball skills in PE, exploring pushing and rolling.
- Learning about why the world is so important to Christians in RE, focusing on the creation story.



Our theme for Collective Worship is: **Trust**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Monday 6th January – Healthy: Inside and Out day with a visit from a PCSO
- Wednesday 29th January – Stay and Investigate: 9-10 am
- Friday 31st January – Science day
- Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14th February – Break up for half term