

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER—AUTUMN 2

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Welcome back everyone. We hope you all enjoyed your half term holiday.

We begin this half term with our new topic 'Life in a Freezer'.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for Autumn 2.

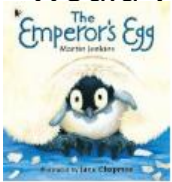
Year 2 will be leading the nativity this year! They are very excited to put on an amazing show, and we have already started to practise singing our Christmas songs!



THEME AND BIG QUESTION

Life in a Freezer

Would you survive in Antarctica?



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS... FRIENDSHIP



Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days, and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too!



Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day and filled with water only.



KEY DATES



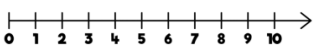
- Wednesday 18th December – Y2 Stay and Christmas craft
- Thursday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Performance
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need (non-uniform day)
- Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Fair

MATHS



We will continue to recall number bonds to 10 and 100, identifying patterns and using the language 'if I know that five plus five is ten, then fifty plus fifty equals one hundred. $5+5=10$, $50+50=100$. The children will continue completing the unit 'addition and subtraction'.

They will then move onto shape which will include, recognising 2D and 3D shapes, counting sides and vertices on shapes, and finding lines of symmetry.



ENGLISH



The children will continue to use a range of fiction and non-fiction texts as a writing stimulus. They will create fact files about penguins, incorporating their learning about cold places. They will also create a report about Captain Scott and his journey to the South Pole. The children will be expected to write using their best handwriting.

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say it	sound it out	write it	capital letters	finger spaces	full stops

COMPUTING

The children will be creating simple spreadsheets using Purple Mash. They will also create a table and block graph.



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SCIENCE



What do animals eat?

Living things and their habitats - The children will draw upon their learning from last half term about minibeasts and different habitats. They will learn about how animals get their food and look at simple food chains.

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Christianity – Gospel

What is the 'good' news Christians believe Jesus brings?

The children will listen to stories from the Bible and understand what they mean to Christians. Understand that God forgives those who say sorry.

PSHE



Physical education and well-being

What keeps me healthy?

The children will learn about eating well and the importance of physical activity, sleep and rest. They will learn about basic health and hygiene routines. The children will also learn about people who help us stay healthy and well.

ART



Drawing: Tell a Story!

The children will begin to generate ideas from a wider range of stimuli, exploring different media and techniques. They will also experiment in their sketchbooks, using drawing to record ideas. The children will talk about art they have seen as well as their own, using the appropriate vocabulary.

PE



PE days for both classes – Tuesday and Wednesday

- There will be two PE lessons per week so please ensure PE kits are in for those days and are fully named.
- This half term we will be focusing on ball skills (feet) and gymnastics (linking).



HISTORY



Would you survive in Antarctica?

The children will be learning about Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition to Antarctica. They will learn about why he is remembered today, how he managed to reach the South Pole and what happened when he got there. The children will also learn about why he risked his life to explore Antarctica.



HOME LEARNING



- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child every day, for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**

There will be a balance of English, maths and theme work throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION



- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly for important updates and letters.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y2 and school.



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