

# 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. It is really important that book bags are brought to school **every day**. Please 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

### 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.
- Use the Little Wandle phonics resources in your child's reading record to practise all the sounds and tricky words taught so far.
- Read the Phonics reading book or reading for pleasure book that they bring home in their reading bag.

### We will also be...

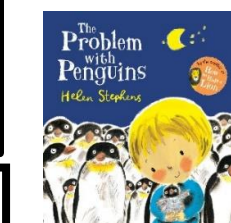
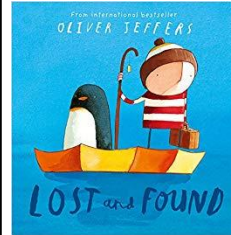
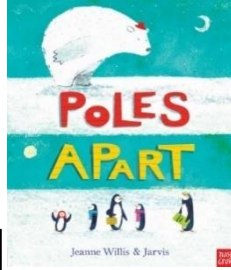
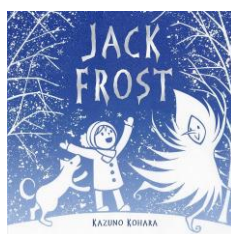
- Taking part in a 'Slippery Slope' science investigation.
- Learning ball skills in PE, exploring pushing and rolling.
- Learning about why the world is so important to Christians in RE, focusing on the creation story.

## 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

In maths we will be exploring lots of different concepts:

Alive in 5:

• Composition of 4 & 5

Growing 6, 7, 8

• Exploring 6, 7 & 8

• Making pairs

• Combining groups

**#MathsEveryoneCan**

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>



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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Monday 8th January – Healthy: Inside and Out day
- Thursday 11th January – Stay and Play: 9-10 am
- Friday 2nd February – Science day
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February – Break up for half term