

Reception Newsletter

Spring 1



Our topic this half term is **Home and Away**.

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 also be comparing where we live to places in the southern hemisphere and exploring the season of winter. 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, 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.

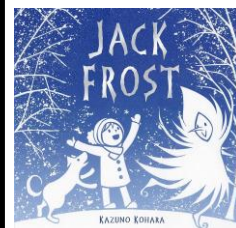
Thank you, Miss Durrant and Mrs Wilson.

English

We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic, 'Home and Away'. 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.

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

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



Maths

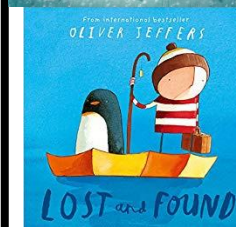
#MathsEveryoneCan

In maths, we will be exploring lots of different concepts.

- Composition: Making 5 and focusing on 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit'.
- Comparison: Compare sets and use language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number.
- Counting, ordering and comparing numbers.
- Comparing lengths and heights.
- Ordering and sequencing time.
- 3D and 2D 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. Their PE kit can stay on their peg in the cloakroom.
- 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.
- In PE we will be exploring rhythm and movement in dance.
- Learning about which stories are special in RE and discussing why they are important.



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 5th January – Healthy: Inside and Out day
 Week beginning 26th January – Writing and Art Week
 Thursday 29th January – Stay and Investigate: 9-10 am
 Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
 Friday 13th February – Local Charity Day and break up for half term.

