



## Year 1 Newsletter

### Term 2

#### Fire and Ice

##### DATES

**INSET day: Monday 1st November**  
**First day of Term 2: Tuesday 2nd November**  
**Parents Consultations: Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th November**  
**Year group assembly: 24th November**  
**Home Learning due in on Purple Mash: Monday 13th December**  
**End of Term 2: Friday 17th December**

##### REMINDERS

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure your child arrives at the academy with a suitable named coat and any other warm winter accessories that may be required.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes identifying lost property so much easier.

If your child is NOT being collected by a usual adult at dismissal, please let the academy office know so that this can be passed onto Miss Isted, Miss Hopkinson or Mrs Loftus. This will allow a quick dismissal at the end of the day whilst ensuring we safeguard your children.

Outdoor learning will begin this term. Please ensure pupils bring in a change of clothing with long sleeves and long legs to protect them from insects. They will also need a pair of wellies or old trainers.

##### ENGLISH

Our English learning will be based on the book 'The Emperor's Egg' this term.

The life cycle of the Emperor Penguin is presented through lively narrative, interesting facts and vivid illustrations, beautifully capturing the landscape and chill of the Antarctic.

As well as being a great stimulus for creative writing, this book provides an excellent starting point for children to research about penguins to produce their own information texts about the Emperor Penguin and Antarctica.

##### MATHS

In maths, the children will learn new and consolidate existing concepts through using a range of practical resources, pictures and other representations.

Once the children have developed their secure understanding of numbers to 10 and can use and apply their understanding to solve problems, we will be moving onto developing this with numbers to 20.

This term the children will continue to learn to add and subtract within 10, including the context of money. We will also be looking at shapes.

##### WIDER CURRICULUM FOCUS

Our focus this term is called 'Fire and Ice'. The children will learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They will also be finding out about Antarctica. This will include locating it on a map and looking at its environment. We will continue to look at seasonal changes in science. We will also explore how materials can change. This will include looking at what happens to ice when it melts.

They will engage with the topic through a range of creative activities, including the role play area, which will be a Fire Station.

##### Phonics

We will be continuing our Sounds Write approach to teaching Phonics. The children will be looking at one sound in each unit and will be exploring the different ways in which it can be spelt.

We will start by looking at the sound <er> and will be looking at the spellings /er/, /ir/, /or/ and /ur/.

We will be building words with the different spelling in and sorting them according to their spelling.

##### HIGHLIGHT

We will begin the term with a D.T day. We will be designing and making our own vehicles for Traction Man. This will include adding wheels and axels. Any donations of boxes would be gratefully received!

