



Sandringham Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022

Over the Autumn term, we will be wrapping up warm as we embark on an expedition to the Arctic! We will be learning all about significant individuals who explored these frozen lands such as Roald Amundson and what wonderful sea creatures and animals they may have met along the way. We will also be studying the everyday lives of the Inuit people and how their lifestyle compares to ours. Our science for this term will be animals including humans- where we will be exploring our five senses and looking at animal classification.

English – Reading & Phonics

In the first week of the Autumn term, we will be using the text 'Funny Bones' for our learning as we transition into life in Year 1. This also links nicely to our science topic this term. For the rest of the term we will be using the following texts: 'The Great Explorer', 'Rainbow Bear' and 'The Polar Bear Son' to support our writing tasks. As we creep closer to Christmas we will then focus our learning on texts that link to the festive season.

Across the foundation subjects we will look at the following texts: 'Colour Monster', 'Only one you' and 'Funny Bones' we will also have a class reading book for the end of the day.

Monster Phonics:

The children are taught phonics using the multisensory scheme, 'Monster Phonics'. In Autumn term we will go through the National Curriculum Year 1 graphemes, the Year 1 CEWs (common exception words) and the first 100 HFWs (high frequency words). The addition of suffixes ed, s/es, ing, er and est (with no change to the root word) is introduced in specific spelling lessons and continues to be taught and reinforced across the term and year.

Home reading books will be specific to the sound learnt either that week or the week previous- to support retention and over-learning. Children will also be given a reading book for pleasure and an e-book from the Monster Phonics site-this will be posted onto Seesaw and will also be linked to that week's sounds.

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

The books that we will explore this term will allow opportunities to learn and rehearse skills required for Year 1, such as: use of capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks, commas in lists and starting to use speech marks. The children will be encouraged to read confidently using expression and taught a variety of strategies to decode words for reading and spelling. We will also start the journey of comprehension skills within our writing- what it means to empathise with a character and make predictions about a text as well as identify and discuss words and phrases the author has chosen.

The children will be writing using different styles and genres- from non-fiction, narratives and poetry. We will look to extend simple sentences by adding conjunctions (and, but, so) and cherry-picking interesting vocabulary, adjectives and verbs.

The children will have specific handwriting lessons where they will be taught pre-cursive and eventually cursive formation.

Maths

We use White Rose Maths to support the teaching of our maths lessons whilst accessing a range of practical maths equipment. Over the Autumn term, the children will be taught the following units of maths:

Place Value (within 10)

Addition and subtraction (within 10)

Shape

Place Value (within 20)

Science

Animals including humans

Within our interactive science lessons the children will be taught the following skills through the Autumn term:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)
- identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Other Curriculum Subjects

History: Arctic Term 2- Recount stories from the past and learn of significant individuals

Geography: Arctic Term 1- similarities and differences, labelling continents and oceans, geographical vocabulary

RE & PSHE: What is religion? Who is a Christian and what do they believe? (Nativity story) Protective Behaviours

PE: Throwing and catching, fundamental movement. PE sessions are on a Monday and Friday.

Art & Design: Animals within the Arctic collage

Design & Technology: Levers and linkages- Christmas card

Music: Hey You! Hop-hop style

Computing: online safety and exploring purple mash

Homework

Homework will continue to be weekly spellings and regular recorded daily reading (this must be recorded by an adult). It would be very helpful to support your children in counting in 2's, 5's and 10's in readiness for the Spring term.

We do hope that your child enjoys their first term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us about any matter, however small.

Mrs. Collen and Mrs Buckingham.