

Spring 1 in Cedar Class



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our topic this half term is 'Arctic Lands'. Here are a few details about what we will be learning about in various subject areas:

Literacy:

During this half term, we will be using a text called 'Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story' by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss.

The story follows a little boy who visits his granny during the summer and sees all the animals in the woodland, then visits again in the winter and learns about nocturnal animals. In response to this book, we will be writing winter poetry, setting descriptions and a non-chronological report on nocturnal animals.

Within SPaG, we will continue learning about, compound nouns, prefixes and suffixes.

In reading we will be looking at a range of texts focusing on the skill of find and copy.

History / Geography:

- This term the children will be learning about the Arctic. We will be:
- Exploring the Arctic Circle using a map and investigating the countries within the circle.
- Discovering the Arctic climate by describing the difference between summer and winter

Mathematics:

Here are some of the key areas that we will be covering over the next few weeks:

Year 2

Money: Recognising coins and notes, counting money, calculating totals and change.

Multiplication and division: Making groups and arrays. Using the x symbol. Learning the 2x, 5x and 10x table.

Year 3

Multiplication and division including the 3, 4 and 8 times table. We are learning the formal written method for multiplication this half term.

Measurement : Money

Science:

This term the children will be learning about Arctic animals and the properties of ice.

In particular we will be:

- Grouping and identifying characteristics of Arctic animals.

<p>in the Arctic using weather icons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the physical features found in the Arctic. • Finding out which animals live in the Arctic and where they are found by using and reading maps. • Exploring different Arctic cities and the countries they are found in. • Comparing an Arctic town to a city in the UK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the habitat of the Arctic and how animals have adapted to their surroundings. • Investigating ice and its properties by making observations and recording ideas. • Experimenting with an 'iceberg' to see how it floats and behaves in different conditions.
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To help your children with their learning, you can do the following:

- Make sure they read daily. Try to engage with them about the book they are reading by asking them a few questions about what is happening, what they think might happen next and which character is their favourite and why. Read with them or to them when you can, this is still very beneficial even for older children.
- Make sure they practise their times tables as much as possible. Children in Year 2 should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and children in Year 3 should know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of the year.
- Make sure children practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly test on Fridays. Spellings will be sent home weekly.
- Complete the homework that is sent home each half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Archer