

English

We will start off this half term with some spelling, punctuation and grammar work to warm up on the return to school! Then we will complete a non-fiction unit based on non-chronological reports. The children will write about the cold places of the world, create labelled diagrams and produce glossary lists. In our fiction work, we will think about a variety of fantasy texts, focussing specifically on two famous authors but linking their stories to Polar animals.

Maths

Children in Reception will be continuing their counting and ordering skills and also working to better understand the number system through calculations, specifically addition. They will also work on length, 2D shapes, patterns and symmetry.

Year 1 children will be working on their understanding of numbers through number sequences, calculations and continuing to recall key facts such as doubles. They will also work on weighing, gathering data and time.

Science

In science lessons we will be looking firstly at the adaptations of plants and animals to survive in the coldest parts of the world. We will also learn about water changing state at different temperatures. As we are concentrating on the cold, we will be completing an experiment using ice cubes thinking about making a prediction, conducting a fair test and drawing a conclusion from our results.

RE

The class will be considering the question: 'What is God like?' and will be discussing evidence and their ideas.

Computing/ ICT

The children in Year 1 will be using computers to help them to write emails (using the 'Purple Mash' software). They will think about E-Safety. We will be using the computers and iPads to find out information and play games to further our learning in our topic lessons.

Class 1

Mrs Pratley, Ms Munro,
Mrs Pearce, Mrs Clements,
Mrs Beasley



**PE is on a
Wednesday. Please
keep PE kit in
school all week.**

Spring 1

January and
February 2026

Please remember to hear your child read as often as possible, at **least 4 times a week** and to **record this in their reading diary.**

Please keep practising the sounds and tricky words in your child's phonics folders.

PE

On Wednesdays, the children will be having PE lessons with the sports coaches. If it is dry we will be outside so please pack warm trousers and a hoody in kit bags. We will also be very busy in Forest School on Monday afternoons so this will take the place of another PE lesson although we may also squeeze in some dance!

Music

We will be exploring sounds. We will be looking at vocal sounds, body percussion, instruments and sounds in the environment and in nature.

History and Geography

Our topic is all about 'The Cold'. We will start off looking at the cold places of the world including the differences between the Arctic and the Antarctic. We will look at how animals, plants and people adapt to the intense cold. We will learn the story of the first people ever to visit the South Pole over one hundred years ago, and the race to get there first. Hopefully by this time, the weather in the UK will be wintry and we can look at the season of winter and how plants and animals change at this time.

Phonics with some handwriting is taught daily from Monday to Thursday 9.00am until 9.30am.

PHSE: We will be thinking about the question: What helps us to stay healthy?

Art/Design

The children will be making lots of items linked to our topic of 'The Cold' including Polar animals and penguin crafts. They will also be creating winter scenes and finding different ways/using different media to depict the wintertime.

