

Literacy

This half term our literacy units will include: A story as a theme, non-chronological reports and poetry.

In our story as a theme the children will be able to focus on both key skills in reading and writing. They will have the opportunity to explore the story and write about focusing on different skills. They will be able to focus on simple punctuation, character descriptions, expression opinions, look at alternative ending etc. They will also have the opportunity to share the text as a class.

In our non-chronological report unit children will learn to use features such as titles, sub-headings and how to layout pieces of information.

We will spend two weeks looking at poetry. We will explore poems with an Antarctic theme, learn the features of poems and write our own.

Phonics and Guided Reading

The children will also take part in phonics on a daily basis which will be taught in phase groups.

Guided reading will take place on a daily basis and the children will also be able to develop their handwriting and speaking and listening skills.

Numeracy

This half term the children will be able to focus on number and place value. We will also be focusing on addition and subtractions, 2D and 3D shapes and length, mass/weight. The children will be able to use a variety of maths resources to help them understand concepts.

Turtles Topic Map – autumn 1



Antarctica

ICT

In this half term the children will be focusing on key skills in ICT. We will be logging on and off, shutting down the computer, opening, saving and closing programs and files.

PE

Dance- exploring how they can move and travel in different ways.

RE

We will focus on the Church and its importance. Children will be learning to identify key features of a church.

Creative Curriculum

In Art we will be making clay animals. We will be completing observational drawings such as icebergs and animals. We will be learning how to use the media; charcoal.

In Geography we will be naming 7 continents, 5 oceans. We will be looking at weather patterns in the UK and Antarctica. We will also be practising skills that describe a location such as who, what and where.

In DT we will be exploring different textiles and making animal puppets.

Music we will be focusing on keeping the beat, patterns and making music linked to the theme of water.

Science

In science the children will look at the unit: materials and their properties. They will look at different types of materials, both natural and man-made.

The children will look at their properties and uses of materials. They will carry out simple experiments. This will involve the children will make simple predictions and then record their results.