



## Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2020

Welcome back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of year 2. We hope you managed to have a restful and enjoyable October half term. We are gearing up for an exciting term ahead where the pupils will be learning about hot and cold places and reading some lovely books within English. There are also some fantastic events including Children in Need and of course it is the lead up to Christmas. As ever, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask on the gate, through the class email or via a note in the planner.



This term we will be reading the books *The Way Home for Wolf* and *Polar Express*. We will use these books to when writing setting descriptions, instructional texts and reports amongst others. Alongside our class books we will be continuing with guided reading and SPAG lessons.

### Key vocabulary:

Adjectives      letter formation      question marks  
nouns      full stops      capital letters      finger  
spaces  
verbs      Similes      expanded noun phrases

## Mathematics

This term, we will continue looking at the number system and in particular addition and subtraction crossing 10s.

**Homework** for maths will be a mixture of mathletics and work on TEAMS.

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

### Key vocabulary:

tens      ones      digit      more      less  
add      plus      subtract      minus



## Phonics

Phonics will take place daily. We will practise our sounds making sure we can read them quickly and easily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words.

On a Tuesday, pupils will bring home a phonics reading book for the week which will match their phonics ability.

## SCIENCE

In science, our topics this term will be 'Animals including humans' and 'seasonal changes'. These will link closely with our Topic of Hot and cold.

### Key vocabulary:

senses	sight	smell	hearing
touch	taste	texture	
	healthy	hygiene	
	life cycle	baby	
	toddler	child	
	teenager	adult	
	Climate	Survival	

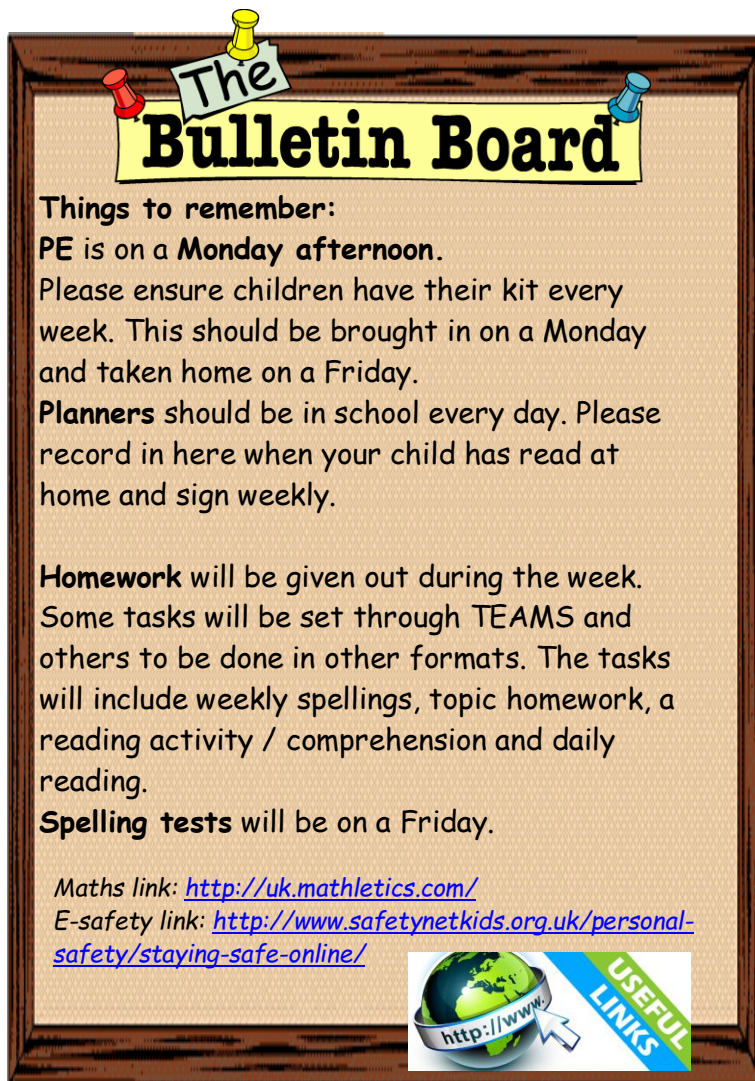




# Other Curriculum Areas

**PE** - This term, we will be doing gymnastics. Children will be exploring key shapes and putting together key routines.

**PSHE** - This half term we will be focusing on friendships and keeping safe.




## The Bulletin Board

**Things to remember:**  
**PE** is on a **Monday afternoon**.  
 Please ensure children have their kit every week. This should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.  
**Planners** should be in school every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

**Homework** will be given out during the week. Some tasks will be set through TEAMS and others to be done in other formats. The tasks will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity / comprehension and daily reading.

**Spelling tests** will be on a Friday.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>  
 E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>




## IMPORTANT DATES

Children in Need - Friday 13 November

Road Safety Week & Anti-bullying Week - Week beginning 16 November.

Advent and Christingle - Week beginning 30 November

Human Rights Week - Week beginning 7 December

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Now we are back after October, children should be in winter uniform.

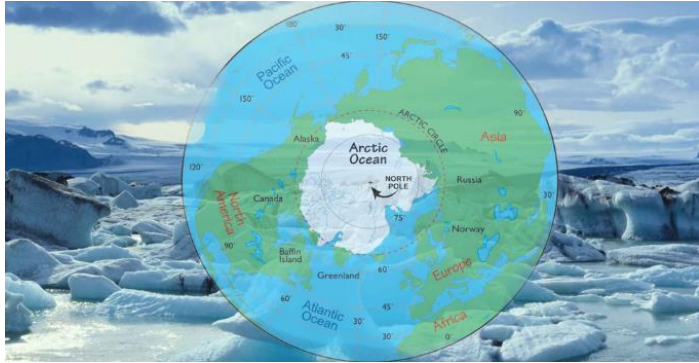
**Reading** - Year 2 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary with them. This would also be a great opportunity for you to discuss any areas which you and your child particularly enjoyed within a book. Regularly check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed regularly and the phonics book will be changed weekly on a Tuesday.



Brrr! It's getting cold.

Join us as we head to the coldest places on the planet - the Arctic and Antarctic. Make sure you wrap up warm as we learn about the Polar Regions and the animals that survive there.

# Frozen Planet!



## Polar Regions

In geography, we will be thinking about what geographical features we would see in Antarctica that we wouldn't see in our local area. We will begin by looking at the seven continents of the world. Next, we will identify the location of hot and cold areas in relation to the equator and North and South Poles. Finally, we will be researching a Polar animal.

## Great explorers

In history, we will be introduced to Scott the Explorer and be thinking about why he is significant. We will discuss why we call him an explorer and why Antarctica might have been difficult to explore. We will then look at Captain Scott's diary and discuss what happened to him and his companions on his journey.



## Art

In art we will be looking at the contrast between the warm paint colours we used for our Great Fire of London pictures and the cold colours we would use to create a Polar scene. We will think about different tones and shades of colour and experiment with colour mixing. We will then be thinking about different textures to create a Polar collage, finishing by drawing a Polar animal to complete our artwork.

## RE

This half term, we will consider how we can look after our planet. The ways in which religious and religious individuals and organisations show care and concern for the planet. The views and beliefs of different religions will be discussed to develop an understanding of their views regarding the origins of the world. We will be taking time to reflect on the world in which we live and celebrate the wonderful things around us.

