



YEAR 1 Spring Term 2023

“In the Icebox”

–
“A Spring Thing”

TOPIC OVERVIEW

Pupils will learn about the North and South poles. They will learn about explorers and feats of endurance (Balto, Shackleton, Amundsen etc) and about endangered and extinct animals and seeing how people are able to live in extreme climates. In Science, they will learn to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).

After half term we will be learning about seasonal changes, looking at artwork and poetry about the springtime, and the lifecycles of animals and plants.

KEY DATES

- Friday 19th January – Forest School
- Thursday 29th February – Curriculum Sharing Y1 (Please note this is now at 9am due to staffing)
- Tuesday 19th March – Easter Service
- Tuesday 19th March – Parents evening
- Thursday 2nd March – Parents evening
- Friday 22nd March – Easter Egg Hunt

CLASS FOCUS

Happy New Year! We are straight back to it with so much to cover during this very short term. The children have returned with lots of enthusiasm and a thirst to learn about our new topics.

Our PE days will be a Tuesday and a Friday this term. Until half term, Cassie from Dancefest will be leading our Tuesday PE session and Friday's lesson is Yoga. We will let you know if PE changes after half term via the newsletter.

Our phonics in year 1 really ramps up this term and the children will need to learn lots more alternative sounds. We are also going over the reception 'harder to read and spell' (HRS) words as well as continuing to learn the ones introduced in year 1.

The children have already been introduced to some of the animals whose habitat is in the Arctic and they can locate the polar regions. Alongside this and our core subjects, the children will be learning more about e-safety and staying safe online, learning about Vincent Van Gogh in art as well as creating drawings of animals and landscapes.

LEARNING AT HOME

The children will continue to change their books on Friday. We cannot stress enough the importance of listening and reading to your child at home as well as helping them to consolidate their phonics and HRS words. Each week, there will be a sheet stapled inside your child's reading record containing the focus digraphs and trigraphs for the week. There will also be a list of words that the children need to practise to be able to read and spell accurately and be year 2 by July!