

School Newsletter

Term 2 - The Arctic



Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the half term from myself and Mrs. Christie. This term we are going to be learning all about 'the Arctic' in the lead up to Christmas.

Now we have had a term to get into the swing of things, we will continue to work hard with our reading, writing and maths. Below, I have outlined what we will be doing in each of these subjects. Please read the second side for more details on specific things.

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MATHS

Children will continue developing knowledge of the four operations, emphasising on multiplying and dividing.

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ENGLISH

Children will begin by looking at stories as well as developing their grammatical accuracy of how to use speech.

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TOPIC

This term, children will be learning all about the Arctic. They will be looking at its location and its features.



Times tables

Times tables in year 4 take a significant leap and by the end of the year, children need to know all their times tables up to 12x12.



Spelling

Spellings will continue to be handed out on a weekly basis. Children will normally be tested on a Monday.



Reading

Please ensure that you read with your children 4x per week. These will be checked on a weekly basis.

Things to know.

Just a few things as we go into Term 2

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your patience, while I was off at the end of Term 1. I apologise for the parent's meetings at the end of last term and I endeavour to get these rearranged as soon as possible. It is intended that I get these sorted within the first couple of weeks. As I will have to do the meetings during normal school time, I will be unable to conduct any meetings after 5.00 at the very latest.

Reading - Reading will continue be one of the priorities and ensuring that your child reads four times a week. We are going to change the format a little with reading. We have decided to use a token system for reading. If your child reads four times a week, they will receive a token and can exchange this for a prize once they have collected so many. This way if they miss out on getting to the top, they can still work towards a prize.

Collective Worship - These normally take place once a term. Parents are invited to the first one of the year and the final one. I will normally write a script that involves all children with lines for them to learn. Please see below for the dates.



Spellings and Homework - children will receive either Maths or English homework on a Friday and will be expected to be back in school on the Wednesday. Spellings will go out on the Monday and will be tested on the following Monday. Also, I have started to play a variety of games to support with spellings such as: -

- snakes and ladders
- hangman (however, each child must get each letter in succession).
- finding patterns in words (sorting into groups)
- writing the words in large and drawing pictures to remind them.

Swimming - children will **not** be doing swimming this term, as the weather turns colder.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th November - Collective Worship (parents not invited on this occasion)

8th December - Christmas fair

6th and 7th November - Open mornings.

18th December - KS2 Pantomime to the South Holland Centre

12th December - Christmas lunch

