

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Your child will be finding out about the Arctic and Antarctica. They will label them on a map and use an atlas and globe.

They will learn to use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)

In history they will learn about the famous explorer Sir Ernest Henry **Shackleton**. They will also learn about the famous ship **Titanic**.

You might want to watch some BBC nature episodes to develop your child's knowledge about the world.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/places/Arctic>

ART AND DESIGN

Children will be making a **mini-ice world sculpture** to help them to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.

They will explore and use mechanisms for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles, in their products.

You could visit your local library and look at some books with moving parts e.g pop up books.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND VISITORS

Children will be having a 'From Penguins To Polar Bears' themed afternoon in school on 10th September and will be creating an ice adventure...we might even build an igloo for base camp!

KS1 Sponsored walk – Monday 1st October

Assembly dates:

Year 1 (LD) Wednesday 12th June and Wednesday 10th April

Year 1/2 (LF/DH) Wednesday 21st November and

Wednesday 3rd April

Year 2 Wednesday 27th March and Wednesday 26th June

Year 1 and 2

Topic: From Penguins to Polar Bears!

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Dudley Zoo visit -**Iceworld Explorer**

Children will learn about the extreme habitats of the Arctic, Antarctic and the highest mountain regions. Find out about the special animals which live there and meet a creature which has adapted to a chilly habitat! **TBC**

SCIENCE

Children will be learning about seasons and changes in weather.

Children will describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals).

We will be linking this to animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic.

You might want to find out how much rain falls by making your own rain gauge, recording the results and studying your findings.

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/projects/raingauge.html>

COMPUTING

They will be learning about...

E - safety – talking about how to stay safe online.
Algorithms and programming – giving instructions and describing what happens. Technology in our lives – recognising how technology is used and its benefits. Multimedia – being creative and using a keyboard.



RE

Belonging- children will consider the idea of belonging to a group or a community such as Brownies, Sunday school or clubs. They will then explore how different religions show their belonging to a certain faith e.g wearing a cross or turban.

Diwali- Children will explore the Hindu festival of light. They will find out about the story behind the celebration.

Christmas- Children will explore the nativity story and take part in celebrations across the school.

KEY TEXTS

The Emperors Egg by Martin Jenkins
Penguins information text by Emily Bone
Dear Polar Bear by Barry Ablett
The Penguin Who Wanted To Find Out by Jill Tomlinson and Paul Howard
Lost & Found by Oliver Jeffers

Please read regularly with your child at home as this will help to support their writing.

PSHE THEMES

We will be following the behaviour charter as part of the school policy.

Relationships

Children will learn to communicate their feelings and recognise how others show feelings and how they might respond. They will also recognise how their behaviour affects other people.

Health and wellbeing

Children will consider what constitutes a healthy lifestyle including the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health.