



Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break! We cannot believe the first term of Year One has been and gone already. We have a lovely topic this half term, which we hope will engage and inspire the children's learning.

The Polar Regions

This half term, our class topic is The Polar Regions. If your child has any books, artefacts, photographs etc. then we would love to see them and share them with the class.

English: We will be reading the story of the Snow Queen and writing our own narratives based around the story. Then, we will explore the Non-Fiction text Penguins and create animal fact files.

Maths: We will continue to focus on addition and subtraction within 20, making sure we can recall pairs of numbers mentally before moving on to measure.

Science: The children will be classifying animals into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores as well as looking at how animals adapt to different temperatures.

Art: Learning about the primary and secondary colours and how to make colours lighter and darker.

D.T: The children will be using clay to make their own mini Igloos and painting pebble penguins (Please bring in a palm sized stone/pebble within the next few weeks)

History: The Great Explorer, Robert Falcon Scott and his exploration of the Antarctic.

Geography: Locating the Polar Regions and the UK. Looking at hot and cold climates in relation to the equator.

P.E. Will be Gymnastics and our PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school and named. Please ensure that ear-rings are removed on this day, for your child's safety.

R.E. The children will be exploring a new Key Question 'What makes some places sacred?' This will enable the children to make links with other religions and compare them to their own.

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ICT: Children will be exploring and editing digital images and researching the Polar Regions and animals to create information texts.

Music: We are using a new Music scheme called Charanga. This half term we will be getting 'In The Groove' learning the song in six different styles; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.

Reading in Year 1

Please continue to read with your child as much as you can at home and sign the liaison book to let us know. As well as reading it is also important that the children understand what they have read. In our class guided reading sessions we also explore any new Vocabulary and what it means, look at Inference and what the author is trying to say and Predict what might happen next in the story. We believe in the importance of reading and have daily guided reading sessions as well as reading one to one with your child as much as possible to assess how they are progressing and to ensure that they are on the right reading level.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday for testing the following Monday. Please practise these as much as possible at home. The children also practise these words at school in the hope that it becomes embedded and we can see the progression in their writing.

English and Maths Homework

Each Friday, either English or Maths homework will be sent home for children to complete for the following **Wednesday**. Any questions about the homework, please come and see us. Children may also be given one topic homework to complete each half term.

General Reminders...

The children **must** bring a water bottle to school each day which they can drink from frequently. In Year 1, children can also bring their own fruit or **healthy** snack to school which they can take out at break time. A school snack will still be available to those children who do not bring a healthy snack from home.

We had quite a bit of illness during the last few weeks of last half term and our attendance has slipped a little, as well as a number of late to the register. Good attendance will help your child's learning and help Year 1 towards winning the Attendance trophy and a treat. However, if your child is unwell please phone the school office in the morning.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes.

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