

Curriculum Topic Letter-Year 2 Spring 1

'Frozen Planet'

Below is outlined what your child will be learning in school each half term along with suggested activities for you to support their learning and do together at home

Curriculum Area	Learning at school:	Learning at home:
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • story writing • descriptive writing • writing in role as a character • factual writing: cold weather animals • Philosophy: 'Winter is the best season of the year.' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn spellings • daily reading, including comprehension • discuss the similarities and differences between books you have read, including those with similar themes and those by the same author • discuss author's choice of language and why it is effective • using a thesaurus/dictionary to find synonyms of simple words to build a bank for writing
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding division as sharing into equal parts • understanding fractions as equal parts of a whole • finding fractions of a shape/number and recognising which are equivalent • finding the difference between 2 numbers • using a number line to find the difference • data handling • finding missing numbers and symbols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share some items (sweets, cake, grapes, pizza etc.) equally! • spot fraction when out and about and cut food items into halves/quarters etc. • counting on from a smaller number to a larger one • count forward and back in 2s and 5s • count forward and back in 10s from any number • begin to learn 2, 5 and 10 times table off by heart • recall number facts for each number to 20
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning about how we can keep healthy • recognising the different food groups and which foods these can be found in • understanding the benefits of exercise on our health • designing a healthy meal for the school to have at lunch time! • learning how penguins keep warm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss ways in which you keep yourselves healthy at home • look at different food packaging for nutritional information • discuss balanced diet at meal times and think about which different food groups you have eaten • let your child design a healthy meal for you all to make sure all of the food groups are included! • investigate and explore which materials will make ice melt the fastest on a cold day!
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working on more than one program and minimising to move between them • copying and pasting • internet research on penguins/their choice of cold weather animal • eSafety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rehearse using the RIGHT CLICK button on a mouse to copy a picture and paste into a document • rehearse moving between programs on a computer/tablet • research Antarctica/cold weather animals using the internet safely and under adult supervision
Geography and History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antarctica: comparing and contrasting the landscape to where we live • Famous explorer: Ernest Shackleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use Google maps (under adult supervision) to find pictures of Antarctica and compare to where we live/very hot countries

Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping a steady beat • learning the difference between beat and rhythm • composing music using an 8 beat rhythm • performing compositions and evaluating performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • listen to the different structures in music • try and keep to the beat of music at home • listen for different rhythms in music you listen to at home
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invasion games (unihoc) • running activities • 'ice' dances, including 'Forces' push and pull dance • springing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go to the park and RUN! • practise riding your bike! • practice your jumping in the garden or at the park and try and make your legs into different shapes while in the air
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designing an 'Eat Well' plate to feed the whole school at lunch time! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design some healthy meals together that you can try at home • get the children involved in making meals at home with you!
Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using pattern and texture • using complimentary and contrasting colours • Inuit Art: Ted Harrison • Gustav Klimt Winter trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find out some more information about Ted Harrison and/or Gustav Klimt using the internet (under supervision) • create different patterns using different drawing materials
Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do the stories of Jesus inspire Christians today? • What are the most important values in our lives? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share other faith stories at home – what do they teach us and how do they help us to live our lives? • discuss Values at home with the children – see Fronter for information about current Value