

Nightingale Class

Welcome back to Nightingale Class!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

Where Penguins Roam.

Our focus will be on Antarctica. Many of our subjects will be accessed through this theme. Some subjects, such as maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, our writing focus will be Diary writing as an explorer and writing poetry to describe the beauty and harshness of Antarctica. To support our writing, we will read 'Ice Trap' - *An amazing tale of heroism and ingenuity, this dramatic picture book tells the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's incredible adventure in the heroic age of Antarctic exploration.*

In maths, the focus for the first few weeks will be addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to add and subtract across tens and hundreds. We shall then introduce multiplication and division.

In year 3 there is a greater emphasis on learning the times tables. We will be using Times Tables Rockstars in school and your child will be given a login to use at home as well.

Links to Prior Learning

As we study our theme this term we will be using our previous knowledge of hot and cold places to support us.

Some of the children have prior knowledge of Robert Falcon Scott, so we will hopefully be able to go into much more detail about Antarctic explorers as we learn about the continent.



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In history, we will be studying Antarctic explorers from the past.

In geography we shall be comparing the human and physical geography of Red Lodge and Antarctica. We shall also enhance our about mapping skills.

In science, our focus will be on light and shadow and how to keep warm and Antarctic animals.

Our focus in Art will be investigating different materials to produce an Antarctic landscape using collage.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books daily if needed.

PE will be on Mondays when we will be looking to fitness with activities based around orienteering. Please make sure you send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. As the children progress we encourage independent reading as well, but please try to discuss the story with them to aid their understanding of the text.

Your child has access to TT Rockstars and Purple Mash at home. There is a huge range of activities available on there that you can use at home. I suggest that you login together to explore it with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and speak with me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Weller

Dates for your diary:

Special me special you – **Friday 15th November**

Christmas Jumper Day - **Thursday 19th Dec**

Last day of term and – **Friday 20th Dec**