

English

In English for the cold part of our topic the children will be writing a non-chronological report about penguins. The focus will be on recording real events simply and clearly using apostrophes and commas correctly. For the hot part of our topic we will be investigating the story 'Kassim & the hungry dragon' we will innovate the story by replacing the dragon with our own invented mythical creature, Following on from the Autumn term acrostic poems we will be looking at shape poetry.

History/ Geography

This term the children will focus on the life of Robert Scott. We will compare our local area to Antarctica by investigating the people, the transport and the homes. We will be taking the children on a trip to Bristol Zoo where they participate in an Antarctica experience and see real-life penguins.

Religious Education

During this term the children will be learning about the religion of Islam. They will be handling religious artefacts and learning about the life of a Muslim child. In addition, they will be making an Easter garden.

Art

In art this half term we will create artwork using pastels, charcoal and chalk to create a cold scene in the style of Paul Klee as well designing and making our own Inuit person and an igloo for them to live in,
In the hot part of our topic we will be developing techniques for sculpture focussing on texture, space and form by making our own invented mythical creature from clay.

Mathematics

In Maths the children will continue to build upon their understanding of number. They will begin to develop strategies and skills for division and multiplication through practical and reasoning activities. In addition, the children will develop their understanding of fractions. In shape, space & measure the children will focus on money, time and 3D shape.

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Music

In music the children will play tuned and un-tuned instruments musically whilst composing a piece of music for Kassim and the Dragon.

PSHE

Each child will learn co-operation and resolving arguments through igloo building and other team building activities.

Design and Technology

In DT this half term we will be focusing on communicating our ideas. We will build igloos and use research to help us design and build a securely structured igloo and present our findings .

Science

In Science we will be looking at the food chains and habitats of hot and cold places in a variety of practical ways.
The children will be going on a trip to experience the amazement of lambing at Home Farm to help them understand the changes that occur as young animals grow into adults.

Computing

The children will create graphs to compare temperatures in different habitats, create animated stories that tell other children how to be safe online. They will make a story map of their dragon's egg hunt and learn about Logo.

Physical Education

The children will be mastering running, jumping, throwing, catching, balance, agility and co-ordination through a series of individual, paired and team activities.

How you can help

Please read and share books with your child every night, when possible. Spellings will be assessed every week so please can you help your child learn them. We ask that you also help your child with mathematical skills within day to day life. For example: adding two items together when shopping, recognising numbers on signs and comparing lengths of objects. Your child may be asked to complete homework tasks related to class topics. You could encourage your child to find relevant books on our topics for them to share in class. You may also have some artefacts, pictures or books of your own that they could bring into school.