

# Year 1: Spring 1 - The Big Freeze

## English

In Literacy this half term we will be reading and listening to stories and non-fiction books linked to our topic, such as *The Emperor's Egg* and *Poles Apart*. The children will be using a range of strategies to read accurately and they will practise finding information in the books they read. The children will also be developing their ability to read aloud with expression using the punctuation to help them.

We are working on making our sentences more interesting by starting them in different ways and using adjectives to describe nouns.

The children will continue to learn sounds including groups of letters that make different sounds e.g. bread and bead. Children can practise their letter sounds on [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) at home with you.

## Maths:

In Maths we will be consolidating our understanding of 2-digit numbers as tens and ones. The children will be learning to find 1 and 2 more and less than any 2-digit number. We will be improving our recall of addition and subtraction facts to 10 and also using them to solve simple problems. We will be add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. We will be solving one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems.

We will be recognising and naming common 2D and 3D shapes including rectangles, squares, circles, triangles, cuboids, pyramids and spheres. We will be looking at the properties of these shapes.

If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do:

- Read with your child every day.
- Bug club [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)
- Join the library
- [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)
- Use age appropriate computer programmes
- Take an interest in what they did at school and bring things in to show us e.g. photos, pictures
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

## Creative Learning Journey

- ◆ Our topic is The Big Freeze and we will be learning about cold weather and cold places. The children will be researching and finding out about what it is like in very cold places on earth. They will be using maps, videos and books to get and present information about cold weather, animals that live in the cold and how people live in extreme cold environments.
- ◆ In science we will be learning about what the weather is like in winter and how winter affects our environment and the animals that live in it. We shall also be learning about our senses and how they help us explore the world around us.
- ◆ The children will be designing and making snowflake pictures and models in different ways and using different media.
- ◆ The children will also be working together to design and make audio books. We hope to share some of these with you before half term.
- ◆ In RE we will be learning about places of worship and we will be visiting St Alban's Church to explore the different parts of the Church. We shall also be learning about Easter and its significance.
- ◆ We will also be finding out about how to stay safe on the roads and how washing our hands can prevent diseases from spreading.

## Information about Year 1

Homework is sent home on Fridays and we encourage you to do it with your child. Please return it by Thursday.

In this term we will be having a Big Read on:

Friday 24th January—9-9.15am

Friday 31st January—9-9.15am

Don't forget to read with your child every night.

### P.E. Timetable:

Class 1A PE – Monday and Friday

Class 1B PE – Tuesday and Thursday

Class 1C PE – Tuesday and Wednesday

### Please remember that no earrings are allowed in PE.

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Local church visit – St Albans Church—23rd January 2020

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress

- feel free to talk to us at the end of the day.