



Peacock Planning
letter
Spring term 1
2018



I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and welcome to 2018! Our topic this term is called '**Let it snow, let it grow**'. For the first half of the term the children will be learning about the Polar Regions, Arctic animals and the lifestyle of an Inuit and will be able to take part in many ice experiments including melting and freezing. We will be learning about famous Arctic explorers, specifically looking at Scott of the Antarctic and his expedition to the South Pole. After half term we will then move onto looking at things that grow and new life as we enter into Spring and celebrate Easter.

Literacy:

The children will be exploring books with an ice or snow theme for example; 'Lost and Found' and 'The Storm Whale in Winter'. We will be acting out these stories, writing character profiles and describing the settings. We will then be looking at non-fiction books related to Arctic animals. Our writing focus for the children this term is to gain confidence using their phonics to write simple words and sentences independently.

Reading:

Your child should ideally be reading for a minimum of 10 minutes each evening. This includes reading a book independently, listening to you read a book or reading with / to you or another family member. Please remember that we aim to foster a love of reading and therefore it should be a fun and relaxing experience.

Numeracy:

We will be building on our work from the Autumn term.

- Counting 0-20.
- Recognising 0-20 and beyond.
- Using numicon and other resources in counting
- One more one less
- Subtraction/addition
- Days of the week and months of the year.
- Length, height, weight and capacity.

- Recognising 2D and 3D shapes
- Number bonds to 10

P.E. kits: Our P.E. lessons are on Wednesday morning with Mark and on Friday morning. Please make sure your child has their full P.E. kit and it is clearly named.

R.E: This term we are learning about why the Torah is important to the Jewish community. To support our learning please can all children bring in their favourite book from home for week beginning 15th January.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World: We will be looking at world maps, finding out where in the world we live and where we can find artic animals. We will also look at how climates are changing and what can be done about it.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in class.

Forest School: Our sessions will continue next term after half term on Mondays.

Homework project: As a valuable contribution to our topic I would like to ask you and your child to create a model igloo at home. These will be celebrated during our 'sharing afternoon' - more details to follow on this afternoon. Please work with your child and be as creative as you want with resources and ideas! If the igloo can be presented in a shoe box lid size container or tray that would be brilliant to help with displaying it. It can be made out of any resources you wish to use, examples: lego, junk, cake! Please bring to school on the morning of Tuesday **6th February**. I am very excited to see what you and your child can create.

Wanted:

- Small cardboard boxes for our junk box modelling station - kitchen rolls tubes, small cereal boxes
- Snow animals/ snowy stories (all labelled)

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to come and speak with me before or after school.

Many thanks,
Mrs Kent