



# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

November 2014

Dear Parents,

It was an exciting and productive first half term and we enjoyed really getting to know your children. We now have a busy and interesting half term with the lead up to Christmas and our Christmas production.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please continue to return any notes or forms in the zip reading folder as we will be checking this daily. Thank you to all the parents who have been contacting us by email. Please continue to do this and don't forget to check our Year 1 blog which will be updated regularly.

Thank you to all the parents who have put healthy snacks in separate labeled boxes and have sent their child in with a labeled hat, water bottle and spare clothes.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

### ENGLISH

Starting this half term we are grouping the children according to their phonic needs across the year group to ensure every child is challenged. Our English class will be focused around our topic 'Poles Apart'. We will begin by looking at the book 'Emperor's Egg' and use this as a base for our own non-fiction writing. After this we will be creating our own stories about the missing penguin.

### MATHS

This half term we will be continuing to develop our mathematical skills furthering our knowledge of shape, measures and number patterns. We will also be focusing on learning number bonds and doubles to 10 so that children know them off by heart. In addition to this we will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### THEME

#### 'Poles Apart'

We were visited by two explorers this week who asked for our help. They have recently returned from Antarctica after discovering that A PENGUIN HAS GONE MISSING! Throughout the half term we will be following the penguins adventures as he travels around



the world. During his journey, we will learn about a range of continents, countries and the animals that inhabit them.

#### MANDARIN

Pathway 1 pupils will be learning to say different family members, different colours and body parts in Chinese. They will also express their likes and dislikes. (我喜欢..., 我不喜欢...)

Pathway 2 pupils will be learning how to address their family members and how to tell basic colours, body parts and some animals in Mandarin.

Pathway 3 pupils will be learning how to describe various items with colour words. An increasing emphasis will be placed on simple writing and reading comprehension.

#### MUSIC

This term, year 1 will learn a selection of game songs, focused on enabling all students to find their singing voice and perform both as a soloist and as a part of a group. We will also continue to broaden our bank of songs to support the curriculum. *Miss. Rowan*

#### DRAMA

In Drama, pupils will be rehearsing for their roles in a show called "Christmas Around the World." At the end of the term, they will have the opportunity to share their work with parents, teachers and the rest of the school in a special festive performance. *Miss. Bovingdon*

#### ART

Pupils will continue to explore their theme of "Poles apart" during their art lessons. They will have the opportunity to investigate different animals from around the world and discover new materials that can be used to create the required textures. Pupils will also look at the work by artist Henri Rousseau before creating their own Year 1 Jungle. *Mrs. Pate*

#### PE

Pupils will be introduced to a unit of ball familiarisation that covers the fundamental sporting movements such as throwing, catching, passing and kicking through playful activities. *PE Team*



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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions. We look forward to an enjoyable and hard working half term.

Yours sincerely,

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