

Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School, Pinvin

Main Street, Pinvin, Worcestershire WR10 2ER



Thursday 17th January 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Welcome back and Happy New Year! Hopefully the children have had a fantastic Christmas and are feeling refreshed after their busy first term in Year 1. The next term is full of exciting learning opportunities which we hope will inspire the children and see them reach their full potential.

Our topic this half-term is **Polar Regions**. If your child has any toy animals, stories or non-fiction books from the Arctic or Antarctic regions, they are welcome to bring them in for 'Show and Tell' on a Monday or a Thursday and to add to our class display. See below for a brief outline of what our focus will be in each area of learning.

English: We will be learning to write stories in fantasy settings focussing on *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson. We will also write our own information texts based on Polar animals as well as creating our own icy poems.

Maths: We will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills, understand fractions (halving and quarters) including its use on positional language and time as well as developing understanding of place value of numbers up to and beyond 100.

Science: We will explore seasonal change and weather patterns, comparing the UK and Arctic region and animal classification looking at a variety of animals from around the world.

Art: Using our imaginations to respond to descriptions as well as exploring weather in art.

History/ Geography: We will locate the Polar Regions, the Equator and the UK on a World map, learn about Polar transport and people and compare climates with our own. We will learn about Explorers and the 'Race to the South Pole.'

PE: Gymnastics as well as continuing to run the 'Daily Mile.' Our P.E day will be changing to a Wednesday afternoon for this half term. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times, clearly labelled with their name.

RE: What makes some places sacred?

ICT: Using search engines to retrieve information on Arctic animals.

Reading in Year 1

Reading continues to be a focus in Year 1. Please sign their Home School Diary, so we know they have read. 'Little and often' is an effective way for your child to learn to read.

Homework:

Please continue to complete the weekly homework and spellings- we have been really pleased with the learning that has taken place and can see they are having an impact in the classroom too. 'Phonics Play' is a good website for children to practise their phonics- Phases 3 and 5 are particularly useful.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Best wishes,

Mrs Tudge and Mrs Greenfield