



# YEAR 4, Term 2

## Poles Apart



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term our topic will be based around the themes of changes of state and the polar regions therefore this term we will definitely have a cold feel.

English will be linked to the 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis which is part of the 'Narnia' series of books. As well as reading the book as a class, we would like to launch our topic with an evening reviewing of 'Narnia'. Alongside this, we will be carrying out practical science around changing materials, while also continuing our focus on climates by looking at polar landscapes. Our topic will include:

- Reading descriptive settings and understanding how writers create imaginary worlds. Using figurative language to write our own settings.
- Reading and writing character descriptions, in terms of both physical and personality attributes.
- Discussing and writing descriptive poetry around the theme of 'winter'.
- Looking at what 'warm' and 'cold' means in relation to colours and emotions.
- Looking at solids, liquids and gases and how some materials change state when heated or cooled. Using thermometers to provide measurements in practical science.
- Conducting investigations around evaporation and condensation, and relating this to the water cycle.
- Looking at lines of latitude and longitude and climatic differences across the Earth. Comparing the North and South Poles in terms of temperatures, seasonal changes, landscape and wildlife.
- Block printing of snowflake designs.

PE this term will comprise of gymnastics and basketball, taking place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that children have appropriate outside clothing for the colder weather and remember a change of socks for girls wearing tights. During RE we will be trying to answer the question: 'What is it like for Christians to follow God?' and we will also look at the significance of the Nativity in preparation for our tableaux. PSHEE will include discussions on staying safe on dark nights and lessons linked to 'Anti Bullying Week'.

- **Times Tables** - during maths we will be looking at formal written methods of multiplication. Therefore, please continue to practise tables to ensure that speed and agility are kept up.
- **Homework** is handed out on a Friday and collected in each Thursday. It will normally relate to the term's topic and should be completed in pencil, with care taken over spellings and presentation.
- **Reading books** and accompanying learning log books should be returned to school each day.

### Key dates

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual photographs

24 November – Year 4 Cake Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Open afternoon

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 4 will be performing a set of songs and tableaux to parents based on the Nativity, this will take place in Christ Church Church.

**As winter approaches**, please ensure your child brings a coat for the playground.

### **Cake Bake Money**

As always, thank you very much for your continued support particularly when donating, selling, and buying cakes. Monies raised so far, will help to support our 'Poles Apart' launch and purchase a flip chart to support group work.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to an other exciting term ahead.

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