

Year 1 Newsletter

Topaz Class Teacher: Miss Sellar
Teaching Assistants: Miss Edwards, Miss Walmsley.
Garnet Class Teacher: Mrs Gaskain.
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Musha.

Curriculum information

Our Term 3 topic is Polar Explorers.



This term our topic is Polar Explorers!

This is a very cross curricular topic and we will be including the theme in many of our subjects.

In **English**, we will be covering a range of skills. Within the first week we will be writing diary entries, acting as a famous polar explorer. For the second and third week we will be looking at non fiction texts as well as researching a range of animals, focusing primarily on penguins and polar bears and then finally, making a fact file. Within the fourth week we are looking at letter writing and then for the last two weeks of the term we will be looking at story writing and writing our own short story!

During our **geography** lessons we will be focusing on the location of the north and south pole, as well as other countries; what the weather is like and the types of animals that live there.

In **maths**, we are focusing on our numbers up to 20. This will include number bonds to 20, addition and subtraction to 20 and also the ways in which these can be presented, whether that be concretely or pictorially.

In **science**, we are learning about **animals including humans**, which, as you can imagine, will link heavily to our Polar Explorer topic. We will begin by looking at the classification of animals, then we will move on to look at their structures and to wrap it up we will be looking at which animals are carnivores, which are herbivores and which are omnivores.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 team.

Reading books

Your child will be read with at least once a week, every week, during school time as well as being able to access reading books independently within the classroom. To help your child's progression in reading it would really benefit them to also be read with at home as often as possible.

This will really help their writing, spelling and comprehension skills.



P.E

Both Topaz and Garnet class will have P.E on **Thursdays**.

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.



How can you help at home?

We have been really trying to learn how to count up in 2's, 5's and 10's so going over this would be great! It would also help to try and learn the number bonds to 20.

Reading - this could be your child reading to you, or you reading to them!

Writing simple stories with a clear structure

Key Dates:

3rd February: Story Telling Week

13th February: Spring Disco.

14th February: End of Term 3 and 100% attendance reward.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**

Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit.

Topaz has a small collection of un-named lost items within the class so if you think your child has lost anything then please do ask.