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Aim high, believe; Fly high, achieve.

Why don't penguins need to fly?

Year 2 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term 2024

Was Captain Scott a Hero?

Aspiration-Community-Inclusion - Language

Our values for this term are:

Happiness Perseverance



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## Topic -Geography, History, Art, DT:

In Geography, the children will be exploring the question, 'Why don't penguins fly?' The children will learn about the 7 continents of the world and compare Antarctica and the Arctic.

In History, we will be learning about Captain Robert Falcon Scott's race to the South Pole. We will be comparing this to the Ice Maiden's 2018 more successful journey.

In Art, the children will become inspired by nature and learn how artists use simple representations to create repeating patterns. They will explore monoprinting from their drawings.

In DT, the children will be designing, creating and improving their own soft toy using cutting and sewing techniques.

## RE:

Autumn 1: The Creation Story: Who made the World? The Christian festival of Harvest. Autumn 2: Incarnation: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

#### Our Class readers are:

'The Diary of a Killer Cat' and 'George's marvellous Medicine'. Reading:

This term the children will read short non-fiction text extracts of poetry on Antarctic. We will read some picture books and answer questions to show their understanding and strengthen their inference skills.

#### Writing:

This term, the children will learn about word classes and using a range of punctuation. They will be developing a cursive handwriting script and they will continue to develop their understanding of spelling rules through the teaching of phonics. They will be writing a range of narratives and considering how to improve their writing by making simple corrections and additions.

## Year Group Information:

PE days - Tuesday and Thursday

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and be returned on a Wednesday.

Spelling tests will take place every Thursday

#### Maths:

#### Place value

This term we will begin by developing the children's understanding of the place value of 2-digit numbers.

## Addition and subtraction

The children will use the mathematical vocabulary of 'tens' and 'ones' to compare numbers. In addition to this, they will look at developing written methods for adding and subtracting. The children will learn to count in their 2, 5- and 10-times tables and have an introduction to counting in 3's. Shape

They will also look at 2D and 3D shapes-learning their properties and making patterns.

### Ways to help at Home:

Read with and listen to your child read daily.

Please support your child with homework tasks and to learn their spellings each week.

#### Science:

The children will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will look at animals and a variety of their habitats. Later, we will investigate 'Materials and their Properties'. The children will identify and compare the suitability of various everyday materials.

#### **PSHE:**

- Me and My Relationships.
- Valuing Differences

### Music:

This term the children will complete the Charanga music unit: 'Pulse, rhythm and pitch', 'Playing in an Orchestra' and also learn traditional Christmas songs.

## PE:

- **Ball Skills**
- Orienteering
- Gymnastics

## Computing:

- What is Information Technology (IT)?
- Create and edit photos