

# Key Stage One Newsletter

Spring term 2022



## Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely half term! It's hard to believe that we are now halfway through the academic year! Once again, this half promises to be very busy, with some events like World Book Day to look forward to, as well as catching up with you all at parents' evening in a few weeks.

### Topic this term

This half term we are continuing with our topic of '**Poles Apart**', with more of a history focus. This half term we are moving to the South Pole (Antarctica). After introducing the area in terms of its geography (weather and seasons, landscape, flora and fauna), we will study some famous explorers. Our introductory text to being a polar explorer will be 'The Great Explorer.' The explorers we will study are Ernest Shackleton and Robert Falcon Scott; we will consider their expeditions and if they were successful or not. We will make an explorer's compass using magnets. In our science lessons we will learn about the life cycle of an Emperor Penguin and food chains for animals found in the South Pole.



### P.E

P.E. days remain the same this term:

**Blue Class P.E. is on Wednesday mornings.**

**Yellow Class P.E. is on Tuesday mornings.**

**Orange Class P.E. is on Monday and Thursday mornings.**

Earrings are not permitted and should be removed before P.E. lessons. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove earrings.



### Spelling Shed

Spellings will continue to be given each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. These will be tested during our phonics lesson on a **Friday**.

You should also be able to access a range of **Maths Shed** games activities for your child to help them to practise their key maths skills.

### Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. Reading diaries will be checked weekly and children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive House Points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

This half term's reading reward is: **TOY AFTERNOON** 😊

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your continued support!

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Mrs Trenowden and Ms Grace. ☺