

Year 2 Autumn Term 2 - Parent Information

Frozen Kingdom

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories; incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or being pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind. Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems. Wrap up well and settle by the fire. I'm just going outside and may be some time.



Helping your child prepare for their project

This half term, we're going to learn about the coldest places on Earth. Why not watch a documentary such as the BBC *Frozen Planet* series together? You could also freeze pieces of fruit with fruit juice in lolly moulds, to create frozen treats with a hidden surprise. Alternatively, work together to create a snowy collage.

Curriculum Themes for this half-term

Memorable experience	KS1 Nativity and Winter Wonderland, Edinburgh Zoo penguin webcam
English	Non-chronological report about a new species of penguin, discovered by the children. Write a story following the structure of the 'Great Explorer', including descriptive language.
Maths	Addition and Subtraction, followed by shape.
Science	Living things and their habitats.
Computing	Digital Photography
Music	Using Kodaly music, songs and games to learn and reinforce simple melodic concepts, with pitch focus.
Geography	Comparing the North and South Poles.
History	Ernest Shackleton
PSHE	Valuing difference
RE	The life of St Cuthbert, followed by the Christmas story.
PE	Games, ball skills (Gymnastics – 2GO).
DT	Designing and creating a hand puppet.