

ENGLISH

What:

The Polar Bear Son retold and illustrated by Lydia Dabovich. This story is based on a traditional story from the Inuit people. An old woman finds a polar bear cub all alone in the ice and snow. The woman takes the bear home and raises him as if he is her son.

Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper. An amazing tale of heroism and ingenuity, this dramatic picture book tells the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's incredible adventure.

Why?

In Spring 1 We will focus on high-level vocabulary, emotions and how to structure a setting description.

In Spring 2 we will focus on fronted adverbials.

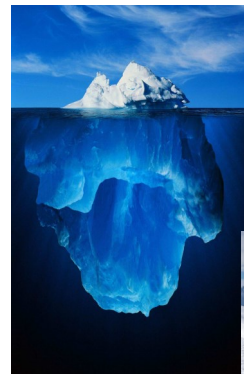
Chawson 1st School

Topic Letter

Year 4



Our topic this half term is
Polar Regions



MATHS

What? Children will be taught maths in line with a mastery approach. This will include calculations, multiplication and division facts relating to times tables and using formal methods for both addition and subtraction.

Why? Your children will be solving reasoning problems that will involve all calculations and will need to be able to apply these skills to each problem.

We will be challenging ourselves to recall our times tables and associated division facts.

TOPIC

Big Question: Could a polar bear eat a penguin?

Geography: We will be looking at the geography of the polar regions, studying the physical geography of the places in the Arctic and the Antarctic.

Science: We will be looking at teeth, classifying animals and states of matter.

PE Information:

4H – Monday outdoor (Swimming until the 27/01) and Tuesday indoor.

4C—Wednesday indoor and Friday outdoor (until they start swimming on the 3/01) . Please bring swimming kit on a Monday afternoon.

Please wear your PE kit on these days.

Homework:

Topic Homework—As usual we will be giving out a letter with some ideas for a project about the Polar Regions. This will be due in 25/02

Times Tables—Our times table booklets have had a positive impact on the children's recall of their times tables facts. We would love you to keep this up. Please can you ensure your child completes a page each week. Their times table will be assigned by the class teacher. We will check these booklets on a Friday morning and test the children to see if they are ready to move on to the next one. Please encourage your children to go on Times Tables Rock Stars in addition to this. Short but regular games will improve the speed of their recall.

Reading— Please read regularly. When a child has read and brings in their reading card they can move up the behaviour board. If they complete their reading card they will also be entered into the monthly prize draw to win a book voucher. They can read any books you have at home and put these on their reading cards too!

Spelling—Spelling will be given out each week for the children to learn.

Important dates:

10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 31/01—4H will have Ukulele lessons on a Friday morning. From the 3/02 they will be on a Monday afternoon.

Malvern 13th November– 15th November

4H swimming continues until 27/01 which will be their final lesson. 4C will go swimming from the 3/02

Year 4 performance to parents at 2.15 pm on 4/02
Year 4 performance to parents at 9 am on 05/02