



Butterfly Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2



Hello Everybody, I hope you have a great half term and enjoy some quality time as a family. We are excited for another busy half term with lots of exciting opportunities...
and CHRISTMAS!!

Topic:

This term our topic is 'Polar Explorers'. This topic will cover History, Science, Geography and art. We will have a lost penguin arrive in our class, his name is Pongo and our mission is to find out where we need to return him too (shh, don't tell the children). Our literacy, science and geography learning will enable us to do this!

Geography: In Geography we will be thinking about 'Why are some places in the world always cold'. Our enquiries will include: How can you use maps to locate the North pole and the South Pole? How have people adapted to living in a very cold climate? Which animals will we find living naturally in very cold climates?

Science: Feeding on from this, our science unit is 'Animals including humans' this term. Within this we will learn about the different animal groups (mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians) and carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will work scientifically by carrying out a blubber experiment and finding out about how Polar animals keep warm in such cold conditions!

History: In history we will study the real explorers, Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton who have explored the Antarctic and the Arctic in the past and learn all about their expeditions. We will learn a sea shanty as part of this topic as the explorers often sang them to keep themselves entertained on the long journeys.

Art: In art this half term we will be focusing on the artist Nerys Levy and her artwork on Antarctic Landscapes. We will study her work and the colours and textures used to create our own Antarctic Landscape designs.

Literacy:

We will begin the half term by writing our own information text about animals from the Antarctic and Antarctic. We will then be innovating and writing our own stories based around the journey story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. Lost and found is funnily enough about a lost penguin who needs taking back home to the Antarctic! During the innovate stage, we will change the penguin to another animal found in the Antarctic so the story still works and makes sense. Within this unit, our focus is description. We will use real ice to generate some adjectives to describe the setting and use our science knowledge to think of adjectives to describe the penguin.

Maths:

We will begin this half term by continuing to look at the numbers 0 to 5 in great depth. We will then quickly move on to looking at the numbers 0 to 10. Our learning outcomes for this unit are:

- Pupils count a set of objects and match the spoken number to the written numeral and number name
- Pupils represent the numbers 6 to 10 using a five and a bit structure
- Pupils identify the whole and parts of the numbers 6 to 10 using the five and a bit structure
- Pupils explore the numbers 6 to 10 using the part whole model and the five and a bit structure
- Pupils explain where 6, 7, 8 and 9 lie on a number line
- Pupils explain what odd and even numbers are and the difference between them
- Pupils explain how even and odd numbers can be partitioned
- Pupils partition numbers 6 to 10 in different ways
- Pupils partition the numbers 6 to 10 in a systematic way
- Pupils identify a missing part when a whole is partitioned into two parts

Enrichment Friday's:

On the last Friday of each month year 1 will be baking. Please find the relevant class dojo post related to this for more information if you have missed this. On the other Friday's Year 1 will be doing Art activities.

Show and tell:

Show and tell will take place every Wednesday afternoon. This term's show and tell theme will be 'my favourite animals'. Your child could bring in a photo of their pet, a book about their favourite animal, a model of their favourite animal or anything else animal related! **Please find the show and tell rota below.**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to an exciting term ahead. I will be sure to share as many photo's with you as I can via class dojo!

All the best,

Mrs Malcolm and Miss Baker.

Show and Tell Rota

Wednesday 1st October 2023

Drew
Ada
Rhys
Aoife
Eloise
Olivia P

Wednesday 8th November 2023

Jake
Phoebe
Henry
Esther
Billie
Frank

Wednesday 15th November 2023

Stanley
Elsie
Annabelle
Oscar
Cheylea
Callia

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Ernie
Elodie
Fern
Heather
Neema
William

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Oliver
Ava
Olivia G
Dom
Hugo

