



Shilton Infant School



Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Spring 2019 1st half term

This half term we are all going on 'A South Pole Adventure'

Topic work

We will all be taking part in a literacy based project called 'A South Pole Adventure' which will incorporate a wide range of cross curricular activities including opportunities for music, art work, ICT, drama, maths, science, DT and imaginative play. This project will culminate in our rooms being transformed into Antarctic galleries for the day to showcase our work. Classes 2 and 3 will be working with Tan Draig the creative artist to further enhance this work. We will also be having some special days as detailed below:

Thursday 16th January—Take off day

January 28th—1st February—Measures Week

Wednesday 6th February—Gallery Day and gift shop (details of this will be sent later but we will be making items to sell in an attempt to raise enough money to sponsor a penguin in the Antarctic).

Literacy in Classes 2 & 3:

The children will continue to work in streamed phonics groups .This work will be consolidated by a variety of games and fun activities. During the South Pole Adventure we will be writing for lots of different purposes including lists, letters, notes and diary entries. The children will all be encouraged to form their letters correctly and to use their phonic knowledge to have a go at writing words. We will also be encouraging speaking, listening and drama skills throughout the project.

Maths in Classes 2 and 3:

We will be looking at the following: Identifying what is 1 more or 1 less than a given number to 10/20. Ordering groups of numbers. Counting backwards and forwards to 20 and beyond. Writing numerals 1 to 10/20 .Relating addition to combining 2 groups of objects, counting all the objects. Using ordinal numbers. Talking about simple estimation. Using language such as greater, smaller, heavier, or lighter to compare quantities.

You can help your child by:-

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together talking about the pictures, characters and words.
- Listening to your child read their reading book every night and practise their words.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes including gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named.
- Enjoy singing the penguin songs and rhymes on the sheet provided
- Taking part in the ' At Home Challenge' details of which will be provided later.



Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget - Religious Trail dates

Money and consent forms back by Tuesday 6th November please.

Temples trip - Monday 19th November, St Edmunds Church Thursday 22nd November.

All children should wear trousers and have a head scarf for the temples.