



# Year 2

## Autumn Term



Hello to everyone who will be involved with year 2 this term, welcome to the beginning of a new school year! I hope you are ready for the start of a new term! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and excited for the fun and interesting lessons ahead of us!

We will be covering the topic of **Polar Explorers – The North and South Poles** during the autumn term.

### Literacy

Text Studies – *The Great Explorer* by Chris Judge; *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo; *Ice Bear* by Nicola Davies and *The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale*

### Numeracy

Counting, ordering, estimating with number and place value; Number facts, addition and subtraction; Multiplication and Division; Fractions

### History & Geography

Polar Explorers – Life in cold climates; Famous explorers of Polar regions

### D. T.

Hand puppets – making templates with textiles

### Art

Art skills and Self-portraits

### R.E.

How should we care for the world?; Why does Christmas matter?

### P.S.H.E.

Friendships; Keeping Healthy

### Music

Singup.org Year 2 curriculum

### P.E.

Health Related Fitness; Games

### Science

Animals including humans; Living things and their habitats

### French

Greetings and simple questions

### Homework & Spellings

There will not be any weekly homework set, instead we ask and encourage you to read often with your child at home, as well as help them learn and practice their weekly spellings.

It would be great if you could practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as trying to learn by heart the doubles and halves of numbers up to 20 also (in this Autumn term at least).

If you would like to do some extra work based around our topic with your child at home then that would be fantastic and we will share our mini 'Polar Projects' as and when they are completed. There will be a short list of suggested focuses for your 'Polar Project' on the school website on the Year 2 page but this is purely optional and your child is under no pressure to deliver a project or presentation this half term. Your help with this is much appreciated, thank you.

### Key Dates

- P.E. lessons are every Tuesday and Friday, so don't forget to come to school in your P.E. kits!
- Spelling tests will be every Friday, make sure you've learnt your spellings for that week.

This information is here to let you know the work your children will be doing this term. We will also begin to start using Seesaw and Marvellous Me as a way to communicate so if you need your logins for these please let the office know. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr C. Needham