

# Windmill Primary School



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter  
Spring 1 Frozen Planet.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's the end of the first term already and Christmas is upon us. The Year 1 children have settled into their new classes really well and have been showing our learning behaviours both in their adult guided and independent activities.

## Overview of themes for the year

Spring 1 – Frozen Planet

Spring 2- Carnival of the Animals

Summer 1 – All Around Town

Summer 2 – The Great Outdoors



## Trips and Visitors for the year

**Spring 1-** We will be creating an Antarctic Adventure in school.

**Spring 2-** We will be hoping to have a visit from Raptorxotics. The cost of this experience should be around £7.

**Summer 1** - We will be going on a walk to explore the local area.

**Summer 2** – We are hoping to go on a visit to Burghley Sculpture Gardens. Thank you to the RWSA for partially funding this trip – the cost to parents should be around £5 only.

## Frozen Planet

Our theme for Spring 1 is 'Frozen Planet'. We will be looking at the countries in the United Kingdom as well as other places in the world including places with a cold climate. In Science we will be observing the seasonal changes and exploring different materials to find out which material is the best insulator. In History we will be finding out about Arctic Explorers past and present.

## English

In English we will be writing our own finding tale. We will also be looking at Haiku and writing our own. Within writing we will be focusing on Information pages and sharing other great books over the term. We will also be focusing on the spelling of plural words and using suffixes. E.g. – ed ing

## Reading

We will be listening to the children read at least twice a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in their reading record book. Those children who read three or more times will be entered into a raffle for the chance to win a small prize.

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## **Maths**

In maths we will be concentrating on developing our knowledge of place value to 50 and developing our addition and subtraction skills within 20. We will be exploring multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be using all our skills to explain our answers and problem solve. There are no set time tables that children should know in Year 1, however practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s is very helpful.

**Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet**

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely Christmas holiday - we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. Make sure you recharge those batteries and we will see you for Spring 1!

Miss Catling  
Year 1 team

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