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Polar Bear Class – Learning Overview for Parents

Reopening Spring 2 2021

Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to children in Polar Bear class! We are delighted to have you back in school and thank all of our parents and carers for their support during lockdown. For the rest of term, our topic remains the same - 'River Deep, Mountain High'. We will also revisit how the children can stay safe whilst in school, through regular handwashing, using tissues to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and giving people space. Please continue to reinforce this at home and let us know if you or your child have any concerns or worries about being in school.

Our School Week

Your child's teachers for this term will be Miss Barnett, assisted by Mrs Crompton and Mrs Townsin. From Tuesday 16th March, the children will have a PE session with a sports coach. These sessions will be held outside - please make sure your child has their full kit with them, including a spare pair of socks for girls if they are wearing tights. Additionally, up to the Easter holiday, there will be PE lessons on a Friday.

Forest School

There are no Forest School sessions for Polar Bear class up to Easter.

Reading Books

Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please sign your child's home reading record each time your child reads at home, adding the page number so that we know where to pick up from when your child is reading in school. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become. If your child has finished their book and has not had it changed, please take the opportunity to listen to them reread some of it.

Homework

Initially, the children will only have spellings to learn each week, and these will be tested every Friday. Spellings tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Friday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Maths tests will recommence once we have assessed the children. If you would like to support your child's mental maths skills, please help them to continue to practise the times tables facts or number bonds they know. Speedy recall is the aim!





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'Pick and mix' homework will not recommence until summer 1.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks. The children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before hometime. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, we very much appreciate your support as we work together to develop your child's learning but if you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you need to get in touch, please use your child's reading record or email or telephone school.

We look forward to working with your child once again.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barnett

