



## Antarctica

**Weeks 30<sup>th</sup> October- 4<sup>th</sup> December**

### What are we going to be learning?

The rich texts we will be using through this topic are 'Blue Penguin' and 'Frozen Planet' Through these books the children will be learning to write setting and character descriptions and diary entries with a short narrative. They will learning to write a non- fiction leaflet using facts. Through these genres of writing, the children will be learning to punctuate sentences correctly, spell keywords correctly use adjectives and 'and' appropriately in sentences.

Through maths, the children will be learning to use fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ . They will be learning to solve number problems using variety of resources to prove the answer. These might include, number lines, tens and dienes and numicon.

Through the topic 'Antarctica' the children will be learning about where Antarctica is in the world using Google Earth and learning about the animals that live in Antarctica. In Art and Design, the will be drawing a still life and making a penguin. They will be exploring songs and chants in music and sharing these with some of the year reception children.

In Science, the children will be thinking about habitats and they will be able to plant bulbs in the raised flowerbeds.

### What will the hook be?

The children will be visiting Marwell Zoo at the beginning of the theme. This will support the children's learning about habitats and climates and in particular about penguins.

### How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

At the end of the theme the children will celebrate the theme by displaying and showing the year one children their writing, art work and design and technology skills.

### How can learning be extended at home? (Your child may also bring homework tasks and please see the reading record)

Homework tasks will continue to come home via the home learning folder or reading diary throughout this half-term but if your child has anything to share relating to our theme then please bring it into school. The children will bring home a spelling homework and another piece of homework every Friday. Spelling test will take place on a Friday.

### Language and vocabulary for 'Antartica.'

Continent, county, climate, habitat, temperature, animals, population, world, island, ice, icebergs, ocean, snow, ice, cold, freezing.

### Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beginning:	Week beginning:	Week beginning	Week beginning	Week beginning	Week beginning	Week beginning
30/10/17	6/11/17	13/11/17	20/11/17	27/11/17	4/12/17	11/12/17- 18/12/17
	Parents Evening- 8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> November.				Show And Share	Christmas Fortnight  Christmas Fair Christmas Performances- 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> December. Party Day Finish- 21/12/17 at 1.15pm