



Dear Families,

We all hope you have had a fabulous Christmas break.

Our new Question for Learning is 'Can penguins live in hot places?'

Discuss this with your family at home. This theme will help the children learn that different animals live in different places. We will learn about animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica and how they are adapted to live in cold places. We will become explorers to see what we would find in the Arctic.

We will learn about what we need to wear in winter to keep warm and safe. We will learn about the Inuit people and how they manage to live on the ice.

We will research facts about penguins and find out where they live.

We will be writing our own explorer poems with the help of Poet Paul Delaney. There will be an opportunity for you to hear the poems at the end of the day.

We will read stories about the African Savannah and the animals that live there and learn how animals such as the African Elephant are adapted to live in hot places.

We will compare these animals to the animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica. We will consider whether penguins could live in a hot place.

Finally, we will visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to experience some of these animals ourselves!

How can you help?

- You may have resources at home such as warm waterproof items for our explorer /igloo den roleplay, polar animals, or books about Polar or African animals.
- Library books will be changed for Nursery and Reception children on **Wednesdays**.
- Reception children need a PE kit on Tuesdays, (Navy or black shorts, white T shirt, black pumps)
- Please listen to your child read their reading book. We would like them to read each book at least twice to help them practice the phonics they have been learning. Don't forget to write in their reading record book, we love to hear about books they are enjoying independently and those that are read to them as well as their reading book.
- Please check your child's drawer each week, Reception children will be given weekly information about the phonics they are learning and the tricky words they are practising.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

Dates for your diary:

- 11th January – Poet Paul Delaney in Acorn Class composing poems with class. Assembly at 2.30 pm for Acorn Parents to hear the poems.
- 28th January – Bike Ability
- 6th February – Children's mental Health Week
- 7th February – Safer Internet Day
- 8th February – School trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 10th February – School closes for Half Term
- 20th February – School Reopens

