Year 2/1S/W Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers, Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely break !

Topics this term

Our exciting **Geography** topic this term is 'Arctic Adventures'. We will be exploring the countries in the Arctic Circle and learning about their human and physical features. In our science lessons we will be learning about Arctic animals and conducting some exciting ice experiments! In **history** we will learn about the traditional Inuit way of life and the journeys of Arctic explorers. In Art lessons with Ms Whitrow we will be developing our drawing and collage skills. Our **English** lessons will include reading stories about Arctic life, writing non-fiction texts and riddles about Arctic animals and writing instructions for 'How to make a pine cone snowy owl'. We will be creating comic strips about of our favourite Arctic stories using the *Comic Life* app in our **computing** sessions.

Next half term our topic will be 'We Are Britain' where we will learn about the four countries and their capital cities as well as the history and famous landmarks of each country.

Reading at home

Thank you for your continued support with reading with your child at home. This has a HUGE_impact on all aspects of learning at school. Children who read 4 or more times a week will take part in our whole school reading treat. Please remember to sign your child's diary.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Open evenings this term will be on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March.

Keeping Fit and Healthy

This term P.E will be on **<u>Tuesdays</u>**. Please ensure your child has a full P.E in school suitable for indoor and outdoor P.E.

Before school, <u>Kilometre Club</u> will be running again from <u>Tuesday to Friday</u> at <u>8.30 am.</u> Parents must stay with their children (and are welcome to join in ! $\stackrel{()}{\cong}$)

Important Reminders

Punctuality and attendance

It is important for your child to attend school every day. Learning begins promptly at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in the playground for 8.40am. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Targets

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New targets have been set for your child and you will find these at the front of their reading diary. Please support your child in reaching these targets over the term and do ask if you would like any more information.

<u>Homework</u> – Weekly homework is an important opportunity for your child to consolidate and practise the skills they have been learning in class. Please help your child with completing their homework each week. Please speak to us if your child finds a particular piece of homework difficult so that we can give them extra support and practise in school.

As always, should you wish to discuss any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us once all the children have been collected at the end of the school day. Please check your child's book bag each night for important letters and look out for notices on the class noticeboard. **Mrs Salmeron and Mrs Whitrow**