

Our fantastic **TOPIC** this half term is '**Arctic Adventures**'.



In **geography** lessons, 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 we will be developing our drawing and collage skills. Our **English** lessons will include writing a rhyming book about Arctic animals, retelling an Inuit tale 'The Polar Bear Son' and writing an information text about Arctic life. We have already been enjoying reading our new library books about this topic. In **computing** lessons we will be learning new coding skills.

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.



Homework

Your child will be coming home with their homework on a **Friday** to be returned after the weekend by **Thursday** morning.

The homework will alternate between English and Maths and will support children with what they have been learning in class.

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with your wonderful children.

★ DIARY DATES ★

- **Half Term - Week Beginning 12th February (1 week)**
 - **THURS 7th MARCH - World Book Day**
 - **FRI 8th MARCH - Mother's Day Craft Morning**
 - **TUES 19th & WEDS 20th MARCH - Open Evening**

Attendance & Punctuality

It is important for all children to attend school every day. Learning begins promptly at **8:45am**. Please ensure your child is on the yard by **8:40am** and does not miss out on learning time. School finishes at **3:15pm**.

Twitter

Keep a look out on the school website and our new twitter account: **@WelbeckPS** for regular updates on your child's activities in class and for school information.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Mrs Wildman - Year 2W Class Teacher

Spellings

Children will be given spellings in their reading diaries and will be tested on a **Friday**. Please help them to learn and practise these at home.



KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY

This term, we have **PE** lessons on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has their **full** P.E kit in school on both of these days. They will need PE kit that is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE including trainers and socks.



BEFORE SCHOOL KILOMETRE RUNNING CLUB is on Tuesday - Friday on the field at **8:30AM**. Parents must stay with their children (and are welcome to join in).



Reading

Thank you for all your help with reading at home. This helps all aspects of your child's learning. The reading treat this half term for children who read 4 times every week will be a **pyjama & slippers day**.