

# Attenborough Class Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2018

**I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year!!** This half term we will be learning about The Polar Regions.

## Topic - Science

We will be starting a unit of Evolution and Adaptation; learning about animals that live in the Polar regions.

## Art

We will be looking at a variety of abstract art as well as polar landscapes and Northern Lights pastel art, so the children can then create their own 'Polar' themed art work.

## PDL / Circle Time

We will spend some time each week learning about 'ups and downs in relationships'. As well as continuing our learning about e-safety in school and at home.

## Maths

This half term we will be starting by re-visiting addition and subtraction calculations including solving multi-step problems. We will then be moving on to negative numbers and calculating with negative numbers. Followed by ratio and proportion and then on to fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will be applying their understanding to a variety of mastery activities.

## Topic – The Polar Regions

Linking Science and Geography together this half term, the children will be learning about the Polar Regions. They will be investigating where they are located on a map in terms of longitude and latitude and compared to the United Kingdom. They will also be finding out about the animals that live there and how they are adapted to suit the environment.



### **PE and Games**

Games will still be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. PE will be Gymnastics this half term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning tasks will be given out the first week after Christmas and are expected to be handed in every Monday morning. Please continue to sign your child's reading record so we know how much they are reading at home and can reward them.

### **Modern Foreign Languages**

We will be continuing our learning of French this term. We will be revising the basics such as greetings, numbers and colours and taking this further to learn how to say different hobbies and sports. We will be doing this in the form of stories, songs and fun activities.

### **English**

In English this half term we are going to be basing our work around the wonderful text 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. The children will be using their text to design their own gadget and write a detailed explanation text. They will also be writing in the first person as they maintain a diary in role as Alex Rider. We will be continuing to learn about grammatical structures and seeing these in real life contexts.

### **Computing**

We will be learning about online communication in a safe way, where children will be able to use a secure platform to communicate with each other

### **Music**

In Music we will be learning about the famous composer Vivaldi.

