



Welcome back after the October half term holidays – I hope that you enjoyed your break! This half term is a sad one for me as this is the time I will leave year 2. My last day with the children will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Mrs Goodwin will then take over as the year 2 teacher.

Despite this being my last few weeks with the children, we still have a busy but fun half term ahead!

Mrs Oldham will continue to support the class every morning and Miss Davis will support the class every afternoon.

We also have a PCGE student working in year 2 for this half term (From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November until we finish for the Christmas holidays). The PGCE student (Miss Rashid) is training to be a teacher and will work alongside Miss Hague and Mrs Goodwin.

Our Geography topic this half term is: 'What is life like in the Arctic?' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their Geography knowledge organiser. A copy of this has been sent home as a paper copy and on Class Dojo but a copy can also be found and downloaded from our class page. We will be learning about why the Arctic is so cold because of its position on the Earth, we will be learning about Icebergs and about the living things that survive in the Arctic.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question: 'How do animals thrive?' We will be learning about the difference between things that are living, dead and never been alive. We will be investigating different habitats and microhabitats and we will be learning about food chains. The knowledge and vocabulary that children need to know and understand can be found on their knowledge organisers.

I am really looking forward to teaching your children for this last half term and I know that Mrs Goodwin is excited to take over. I am still going to be working and planning for the class alongside Mrs Goodwin until I go on maternity leave in January/February 2021 so you can still contact me on Dojo or ring school if you have any queries or worries.

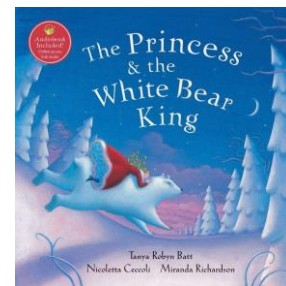
Many thanks,  
Miss Hague  
Year 2 Class Teacher & Vice Principal

#### **Useful websites:**

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)  
[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)  
<https://ttrockstars.com/>  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/science/materials>  
[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)  
[www.epicphonics.co.uk](http://www.epicphonics.co.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths)

**MATHS** –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of calculation. We will be doing lots of counting and number facts work as well as working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts and their log in details will be send home. It can be played on an iPad or laptop.

**ENGLISH** This half term we will be reading our new book 'The Princess and the White Bear King' which links with our Geography work on the Arctic regions.



In addition, we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

**PE** will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Friday** and will be taught by a specialist PE coach. Children need to come to school in their PE kit. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie and black trainers. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days.

**HOMEWORK** – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework. Any lost books will need to be paid for as school has purchased 2 books per child.

**HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS** –Books will be changed as needed. There will be a basket in the classroom and these will be changed every day. We will not be sending reading records home but if you wish to notify us then please do so on Class Dojo.