



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 16th January

Years 1 and 2

What were KS1 learning in Autumn 2?

In Autumn 2, KS1 enjoyed learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We learnt about the North and South Pole and which animals live there. In science, we loved learning about different types of animals, especially Emperor Penguins. In D&T, we made our own 3D pop-up penguin cards. In English, we used the story 'Lost and Found' to write our own stories about a boy who was helping a lost penguin to find his way home.



Spring 1 - A Stitch in Time: Magical Memories

This half term, in English, we will be using the story 'Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge' to help us to write diary entries about finding and collecting memories.

In history, we will be learning about the changes which have happened in our own lives and we'll be placing these on a timeline. We will be learning about how toys and technology have changed over time, from the Victorian Era to the Modern Era. This links to our learning from Autumn 1! The key knowledge we want the children to learn this half term is that technology is always evolving. We want the children to be able to talk about the differences in technology from when their grandparents/parents were younger to their toys now.

In design and technology, we will be learning how to sew. We will be designing and making our own patchwork square, stitching on our own initials.



How you can help at home:

- Please listen to your child read his/her reading book at least three times a week. Ask your child questions about what they have read.
- Read fun bedtime stories with your child. Did you know that there is a library at The Freedom Centre where you can borrow some fantastic books?
- Encourage your child to dress themselves and tie their own shoelaces.
- Count to 100 and back each day.
- Practice letter formation and sitting letters on the line. In Year 2, the children start to use lead-ins to join their writing.
- Please label your child's uniform and PE kit. The PE days are:
Rabbit Class: Tuesday and Thursday
Owl Class: Tuesday and Thursday
Fox Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

Dates for Your Diary

Every Tuesday:	Rackets Cubed sessions for Dolphins Class. Stay and Read sessions for Reception.
W.B. Monday 5th February:	E-Safety Week.
Tuesday 6th February:	Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 7th February:	STEM Exhibition (after school, for all families).
Friday 9th February:	Last day of the half term.
Half Term Holiday.	
Monday 19th February:	Return to school after the half term holiday.
Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March:	Parents' evenings.
Friday 15th March:	Red Nose Day.
Thursday 21st March:	Y3/4 Easter Performance at St. Aidan's Church.
Friday 22nd March:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon.
Friday 22nd March:	Last day of the half term.
Easter Holiday.	
Tuesday 9th April:	Return to school after the Easter holiday.