

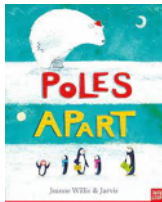


## Welcome to Term 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a magical Christmas break. We are excited for another term of great learning experiences.

We have two new texts to share with the children – Poles Apart and Dear Greenpeace. We will be creating a fiction and non-fiction final outcome using these texts this term. Within both final outcomes, we will show off our skills of applying our phonic knowledge whilst continuing to build upon our understanding of sentence construction and the importance of capital letters and full stops. We are now learning new Phase 5 sounds as part of our daily phonics teaching so perhaps you can ask your child to share the new GPC each day.



In reading we are excited to introduce our Term 3 'book cannon'. All of our texts this term are linked to the world around us. We will be sharing a new text each week developing fluency, comprehension and a love of reading.



In Maths this term we will be looking at addition and subtraction facts of 11-16, and place value of numbers up to 100.

In Science our topic is 'Humans'. We will be looking at our different senses and how we use them. We will be carrying out a practical investigation relating to our sense of taste which is going to be very exciting.

We will have weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, British Values, History, Design and Technology, Computing and Online Safety. In Art we are going to be making collages and cannot wait to see what the children create.

In PE the children will develop their gymnastics skills, looking at wide, narrow, high and low shapes that the children can make with their bodies. They will use this to create small group routines.

In music we are continuing our African drumming lessons on a Monday afternoon taught through the Swindon Music Service. The progress which year 1 have already made is incredible and we can't wait to invite you in for our parents showcase next term.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Homework for this term will be phonics practice for our new Phase 5 GPCs.

Reading records will be sent home for you to annotate and sign. Each Friday, your child will be allocated an e-book- please record this in the reading record. We ask that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult. The number of reads are counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day.

Reading groups will continue we have made some adjustments for days and times. You will have been sent an email if this affected your child.

Many thanks for your continued support! We look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all!

### Meet the team

Please email if there is anything you wish to discuss

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