

Poles Apart

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2020



Engage – Inspire - Empower

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second part of the term. We hope you had a great break and are ready for the exciting and busy term ahead.



The Year 1 Team

Holly Class: Anita and Maria
PPA Teacher: Nursel

Sequoia Class: Sakina and Debbie
PPA Teacher: Ruth

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will continue to be held over the phone this half term. If you would like to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress, please add your name in the space provided on the class web page.

For up to date information, please refer to our school website at: www.jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk. You can also keep up to date by downloading the JHPS app on your device.

Our TOPIC this half-term is Poles Apart.

During the topic the children will:

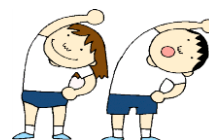
- Use maps, atlases and globes to locate different countries, including arctic regions.
- Name and locate the world's continents.
- Explain how animals and people adapt to their environment.
- Locate the equator and explain how it affects climate.
- Use different sources of research e.g. books, pictures, photographs and the internet.

PE

PE will be on **Friday** for children in **Holly Class** and on **Thursday** for Children in **Sequoia** class.

This half term we will be focusing on Dance and will be exploring body shapes and movements to express our dance ideas.

PE will take place in the hall and children should wear navy or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. As children are still coming to school in their PE kit, they should also wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a school jumper and a coat to keep warm at playtimes and lunchtimes.



Water Bottles

Please bring in a water bottle for your child each day to keep in class for them to access throughout the day. Please make that sure your child's name is clearly written on the bottle.



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Maths

This term we will be exploring addition and subtraction and using different methods to solve number problems. This includes using number bonds and subtraction facts within 20. We will then move onto recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes. Finally we will begin our work on fractions by recognising, finding and naming a half and a quarter of shapes, objects and quantities.

Tips for maths at home: Have a go at some of the activities on these websites.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

English

This term we are starting a new and exciting topic- Poles Apart! We will be learning all about penguins and will be using the text *The Emperors Egg* by Martin Jenkins as a stimulus for lots of reading and writing opportunities. These will range from using question marks for the first time to producing fact files and poetry. We will also continue to have our daily phonics and reading sessions.

Tips for English at home: Reading with your child every day will really help their learning. You could read to them, listen to them read or read together. You can also do some fun activities online at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

Science

In Science, we will be learning about changes across the four seasons in the United Kingdom, particularly associated with weather, day length, temperature and living things. We will identify the ways animals and humans adapt to their environment in hot and cold climates.

Creative Development

In Art, we will be using a range of painting techniques and media to create a representation of the Northern Lights. We will also be building a home suitable for penguins in our classroom.

RE and Circle Time

In RE, we will look at celebrations and explore the ways in which different people mark special occasions in the life of their families and communities.

During Circle Time, we will be celebrating the similarities and differences between the people in our class and reminding ourselves that we are all special and unique.

Dates for your diary

Friday 13th November 2020 - Children in Need Fundraiser and World Kindness Day.

Friday 18th December 2020 at 2.00pm - Children break up for Christmas.

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Children return to school.

And finally, if you have any questions or concerns, you can message us directly on our class email page.

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Best Wishes, The Year 1 Teaching Team