

Chaffinch Class



Welcome back and a Very Happy New Year. We are really excited to begin 2020 with a fantastic new topic 'Fire and Ice'. We hope you had a fantastic break and have been enjoying sharing some of your lovely family time with the children on Tapestry.

Communication and Language

This half term we will be developing vocabulary linked to our topic and practise following instructions. We will think about questions and how to answer them and begin structuring our own questions. The children will listen to a range of stories and continue to develop their listening skills on the carpet.



Understanding the World

During this topic we will be thinking about change and the environment, exploring ice and how it melts. We will talk about the difference between hot and cold and the kinds of clothing people wear in different countries. The children will learn about different Polar animals and how they survive in lower temperatures. We will use books and computers to research and develop out ICT skills.



Physical Development

The children have begun to make great progress with their number formation and are developing their letters. We will use fine motor activities to help them to build strength and a strong 'pincher grip'.

We will explore how our bodies move and how to keep ourselves safe when using equipment.



Mathematics

This term we will be exploring numbers 6-10 using our count it, find it, write it and create it approach. The children will continue to develop their skills when finding one more and one less. We will explore time looking at our daily routines and compare amounts up to 10 using the language more, fewer and the same.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be really thinking about friendships and our feelings. We will be exploring the concept of 'loneliness' through our class text 'The Blue penguin' and how to express our feelings. The children will continue to develop more confidence and independence when working towards targets and self-initiating learning.



Literacy

This half term we will continue to recap our set 1 sounds during our phonics lessons and practise our blending skills, reading simple sentences. We will begin learning some of the set 2 sounds and apply these when reading and writing.

Our class text this term is 'Blue Penguin' we will be digging deep into the Polar Regions mainly focusing on Antarctica, exploring the illustrations and using role play to develop out comprehension and vocabulary. The children will write letters, poems and stories based around the text, using their phonics skills to write simple sentences and label pictures.

Our class author this term will be Petr Horacek.



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Toys

Please can I kindly ask that children do not bring toys to school, these are distracting from the learning taking place in the classroom. If your child still needs a comforter at school, this needs to be small enough to fit in their book bag during learning time.

Lost Property

Please can I kindly request that all **clothes items, water bottles and bags** brought to school are clearly **labelled**. This helps us to sort any lost property whilst impacting minimal learning time.

Homework and Reading

Thank you for supporting your children with their homework. We have really enjoyed sharing their creations and experiences at home. Please can we ask that the children read a little every day and this is recorded in their reading log books.

Snow experiences

Please send in or pop on Tapestry any photographs of experiences your children may have had with snow. We will share these and talk about them in the classroom.



Thank you for supporting us with developing your children's independence by following our 'Kiss and Drop' routine for the mornings. It had has a positive impact on the start of the school day.

Important Dates to remember

Drama workshop- 10.01.20

Balance Bikes- Week commencing 24.02.20

Class Trip to Goodwood Farm- 26.02.20

P.E Days

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**. Please make sure your children have a full PE kit in school every day.

DEAR

Remember you are welcome to come and read with your child on a **Thursday** morning during drop off.