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Puffins, Kingfishers and Nightingales

Dear Parents,

Please find below an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term in Year One. We hope that this will help you to support your children's learning at home.

Topic	<i>Polar Explorers</i>
Key Question	<u>How can I survive the extreme cold?</u>
Geography	The children will recap seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and compare this to the Arctic and Antarctic. They will also look at the geographical features of these polar regions including where in the world they are in relation to the Equator.
Science	Why don't all animals eat meat? We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be focusing on Arctic and Antarctic animals.
Maths	We will then move on to look at numbers to 40 including: counting, writing, comparing and completing number sequences. We will revisit addition and subtraction and begin to solve simple word problems. Later on in the term we will be introducing the children to simple multiplication and division.
English	In English we will be looking at the classic story of The Snow Queen and the well loved story Lost and Found. We will continue to focus on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will also be writing recounts of our school trip –9/1/2020
PE	PE will focus on games and gym. In games the children will be developing their ball skills and in gymnastics the children will be working on flight, bouncing, jumping and landing.
RE	What is it like to live as a Jew? We will be learning about the synagogue and its importance as a place of worship. We will be learning about the key symbols of Judaism including: The Star of David and The Torah.
Computing	We are painters! We will be learning to illustrate an e-book all about the Arctic and Antarctic. We will also listen to a range of audio books in our classrooms.
Art	How do artists use natural materials in their work? We will be discussing the Inuksuk art and its importance in the landscape and we will use this to inspire our own work.
Music	We will be focusing on the unit In The Groove , which is a unit that explores different styles of music including: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week the children will listen and learn a different style of In The Groove.
PSHCE	We will be focusing on the unit Me and My Emotions . The children will learn about identifying and naming different emotions and how to cope with different feelings. We will be continuing with our Paths scheme.

Please remember that every child must have a named water bottle (preferably a school one available from the office) in school each day, homework books are due in every Wednesday (to be returned to you on Friday) and book bags will be changed every Monday and Thursday.

Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

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