



# Shilton Infant School



## Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Spring 2022 1st half term

*This half term we are all going on 'A South Pole Adventure'*

### Topic work

We will all be taking part in a literacy based project called 'A South Pole Adventure' which will incorporate a wide range of cross curricular activities including opportunities for music, art work, history, geography, ICT, drama, maths, science, DT and imaginative play. This project will hopefully culminate in our rooms being transformed into Antarctic galleries for the day to showcase our work. ( this will be dependent on Covid restrictions at the time). Classes 1 and 2 will be working with Tan Draig the creative artist to further enhance this work.

We will learn all about the South Pole and penguins as we take part in the adventure which involves helping Professor Frost to return a baby penguin to Antarctica.

We will also be having some special days as detailed below:

**Thursday 20th January**—Take off day ( Classes 1 & 2 will be set up as a departure lounge and aeroplane cockpit as we take off on an imaginary flight to the South Pole)

Nursery's take off days will be **Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th January**.

**Wednesday 9th February**—Gallery Day and gift shop for Nursery & Classes 1 & 2. ( details of this will be sent later but the children will be making items to sell in an attempt to raise enough money to sponsor a penguin in the Antarctic).

### Literacy in Classes 1 & 2:

We will be introducing the Little Wandle phonics scheme and taking part in daily phonic sessions. The children will also read in small groups 3 times a week in school. During the South Pole Adventure we will be writing for lots of different purposes including lists, letters, notes and diary entries. The children will all be encouraged to form their letters correctly and to use their phonic knowledge to have a go at writing words. We will also be encouraging speaking, listening and drama skills throughout the project.

### Literacy in the Nursery

The children will enjoy a story session each day linked to the topic wherever possible. These story sessions will often include the use of a wide range of puppets and story sacks to help stimulate interest and enthusiasm. All children will continue to have the opportunity to select their own library book each week. They will also take home the nursery rhyme of the week to add to their nursery rhyme book. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the role play area. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will continue with 'funky fingers' activities which help to develop pre writing skills. The children will continue to be encouraged to 'nip, flip, grip' when writing. We will be playing lots of games to encourage speaking and listening skills and learning lots of nursery rhymes and songs.

### Maths in Classes 1 & 2:

We will be looking at the following: Identifying what is 1 more or 1 less than a given number to 10/20. When looking at groups of objects we will talk about which group has more/fewer. Ordering groups of numbers. Counting backwards and forwards to 20 and beyond. Writing numerals 1 to 10/20. Using the language involved in addition and learning to combine 2 groups to find the total. Using language such as taller, shorter, greater, smaller, heavier, or lighter to compare quantities.

### Maths in Nursery:

The children will sing a wide range of number songs and rhymes and again these will often be supported by the use of visual aids such as puppets and pictures. They will practise counting through lots of fun games and activities. The children will learn to count objects carefully, begin recognising numbers and use the vocabulary of number in their play. They will continue to talk about and name shapes and use vocabulary such as longer/shorter when learning about length.

### **You can help your child by:-**

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together talking about the pictures, characters and words.
- Listening to your child read their reading book every night.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes including gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named.
- Enjoy singing the penguin songs and rhymes on the sheet provided
- Taking part in the 'At Home Challenge' details of which will be provided later.



*Have fun!*

*Aim high!*

*Achieve well!*

# ***Dates and events in school this half term***

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