

Polar Explorers

Spring 1 2026

Greetings from the North and South Poles. I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break! This half-term we will be packing our thermals and heading on a polar adventure. We will be learning all about the people, animals and climate of the Arctic and Antarctic. Below are some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. As ever your involvement in your child's education makes a big difference so thank you for your continued support.



Mr Stamp, Miss Butler-Waite & Mrs Mercer 😊

Maths

Some of the things we will be exploring include:

- Calculating with money
- Learning about multiplication
- Learning division

You could help your child at home by:

Practicing the 2s, 5s and 10 x table.

Giving your child experience of handling money and calculating with money when out shopping.

Dividing objects around the home e.g. sharing food items between 3 people.

Allowing time for your child to access Numbots.

English

We will be learning to write exciting information texts on Arctic animals which we will then publish as an information leaflet. We will also be writing descriptive paragraphs about the amazing Northern Lights.

You could help your child at home by:

Reading an information book about the Arctic/Antarctic or animals in general and discussing text features (pictures, sub-headings, labelled pictures etc.). The DK Books are really good for this. The website below has lots of child-friendly information on the Arctic:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

SPELLING TEST DAY CHANGE

Spelling Test will now be every Thursday and new spellings given out the same day for the following week 😊

Computing

We will be looking at how to search for information on the internet safely and how to present information in a PowerPoint to support our work in English. It would be useful if your child has some knowledge of how to use a search engine such as Google and how to use the features contained in the PowerPoint program.

PE

In PE the children are going to be developing their gymnastics skills. Please could they have their full PE kit in on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Geography

In geography we will be looking at the climate, habitats, people, places and animals of the Arctic and Antarctic. It would be useful if your child has some information on this (use of internet/library). Point out the countries that form part of the Arctic and where Antarctica is on a globe or atlas.

Parent helpers

I would like to extend an invitation to any parents who would like to accompany us on our trip to the *Gilbert White Museum on Monday 19th January*. Your help would be much appreciated. We are also always looking for any parents who could spare a few hours to listen to children read or support learning.