

Extreme Earth

Oatlands Class Year 2
Spring Term 2018



Key Areas of Learning

As **Geographers** we will be learning about the Extreme Earth. This will include finding out about the Arctic, mapping skills, location, climate and temperature. We will learn about the polar ice, global warming, and we will find out about animals in these environments including polar bears, walrus and the arctic hare.

As **readers** we will study: "The Last Polar Bears" by Harry Horse. This will lead us through our English coverage and into our topic work.

As **Artists and Designers**, we will be working with Mrs Long to create our very own Inuit art. The children will learn about the Artist "Kenojuak Ashevak" and her unique style of art. They will have opportunities to design/plan and print their own Inuit art focusing on the use of repeating patterns and use of contrasting colour.

ENGLISH

Each morning we will work on spelling rules and strategies and continue to learn the 200 high frequency words that are a part of the Year 2 Curriculum.

The children will take part in guided reading which will involve them having the opportunity to read aloud, discuss the story, learn new vocabulary and gain inspiration for their own writing. This term we are reading "The Last Polar Bears". The text will be used to support the children's learning in various ways such as drama, comprehension activities, letter writing and the creation of poems.

We will also be focusing on improving our joined-up handwriting.

MATHEMATICS

We will be focusing on counting in 3s, 5s and 10s this term, with daily Maths Meetings to revisit what we have learnt in previous Maths lessons to ensure it is fresh in our minds.

During daily Maths lessons we will be focusing on Addition and Subtraction within 1000 (e.g. $234 + 120 =$) and basic Multiplication and Division using practical objects to support our learning.

SCIENCE

This term our science topic is "Mini Worlds" taught by Mrs Pilling. We will be using our key science skills to observe, make sense of what they see and communicate their observations and ideas.

We will have fun exploring the exciting world of things that are so small they cannot be seen with the naked eye.

PE

PE will be on Monday afternoons and with Mr Hook on Thursdays. We will be continuing to work on fundamental movement skills.

RE

This half term we are learning about Islam and asking the question: Does praying at regular intervals every day help a Muslim in his/her every day life?

Next half term we will be asking: Is it true that Jesus came back to life again? This will coincide with Easter.

COMPUTING

In **Computing** we will be learning to use technology safely and respectfully and learn about E-safety. We will practise logging on with our user names and passwords, opening and saving documents and finding our way around Microsoft Office programs including Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

PSHCE

In PSHCE we will be having discussions and completing activities linked to the value of Friendship. We will discuss:

- Why friendship is important?
- How to make friends.
- How to be a good friend.

MUSIC

We will be learning new songs and singing regularly in class in preparation for the Year 2 partnership concert. We will also learn to recognise and use changes in timbre, tempo, pitch and dynamics and compose music inspired by our polar topic.

FRENCH

During French lessons this term we will be taking part in fun activities to learn numbers one to twenty and a variety of colours.