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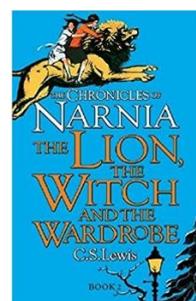
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! Our new topic this half term is called 'Frozen Kingdom' and is all about our planet's coldest lands, which are incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly.

This half term, we'll start by using globes and maps to identify the polar regions, comparing the Arctic and Antarctic. We'll also think about how we can protect the polar environment. Then, we'll investigate and find out about the brave polar explorer, Ernest Shackleton and what happened to his ship Endurance. Researching our favourite polar animals will be fun, and we'll create animal artwork using different media. We will also use our ICT skills to produce a short animation based upon a polar-inspired story. This half term we will also be reading the novel 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We will follow the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy as they journey through the magical world of Narnia. We will develop our vocabulary and inference skills as we read the text together. Our reading will then lead us into writing narratives, discussions, explanations and poetry. In Maths, we will be learning how to read and interpret line graphs and tables, develop our understanding of factors and multiples and calculate the area and perimeters of shapes.



This half term in Year 5, the children will have weekly mixed times tables to learn, a reading comprehension to complete and will have 10 spellings to practise. This homework will be issued on a Monday each week and returned/tested on the following Friday. In addition to this, we ask that they read to an adult FOUR times a week and that this is recorded in their organiser. They should also be accessing Spelling Shed games at home to support their spelling practise as well as practising times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. Parents/carers need to sign/initial each time your child has practised these skills on the websites at home. Please ensure that the children bring their book bag with their organiser and reading book in it every day.

Over the course of the half term please choose one of the following tasks to complete with your child/ren to support our learning in class:

- Use a range of snowy images to create a polar collage. Remember to use lots of interesting textures, shapes, colours and patterns.
- Create your own Arctic and Antarctic word search puzzles using all the new words you have learned during the project. Challenge a grown-up to solve it!
- Make a model of your favourite Arctic animal using clay, dough or recycled materials. Take it into school and explain how you made it.



- Create a poster or brochure for a new travel company which arranges visits to the Arctic or Antarctic. Use powerful images and text to tempt customers who want an extra-special trip!
- Design a pair of snow boots for an Arctic explorer. What materials would you use? What features could they have? Let your imagination run wild!

I hope you enjoy completing one of these projects with your child/ren. Completed work will be displayed in the classroom and the children can also present their work in Special Assembly if they wish.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Rowbotham.

