

Curriculum update

Spring Term 1

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year. It has been a very busy and exciting start to the Spring term! This half term we have been looking at the theme The Arctic Circle.

Mathematics.

In maths this term, we have been furthering our understanding of money. We have been looking at different coins and notes and understanding the differences in their values. We transformed our classroom into a shop and used our money skills to pay for items as well as giving the correct change.

Next week we will move onto our new unit of multiplication and division. We will start by recapping making and recognising equal groups and using arrays to represent equal groups.

Science.

As scientists we have been looking at the theme 'animals including humans.' We looked at different mother animals and decided whether their offspring looks like its parents or not. We have also been looking at life cycles of butterflies and the human life cycle.

Next week we will be discovering what humans and animals need to survive.

Come fly with me: The Arctic Circle.

In our theme we have been looking at where in the world the Arctic Circle is and what the conditions are like there. We have discovered that many different animals, plants and even humans live there. We also looked at how they have adapted to live in the harsh conditions.

We took our exploration of The Arctic to Malvern! Where the children participated in an ice-skating session and got to experience firsthand what it may be like to live in an Arctic Climate.

Next week we will be discovering what and how global warming has affected The Arctic and how Inuits live today.

Art

As artists we have been exploring the theme of architecture. We have looked at the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We have used oil pastels to create some building inspired pictures. Next week we will be using 3D materials to create our own buildings.

Important dates:

Thursday 6th February – Curriculum visit to Marsh Farm.

Wednesday 5th March – Class assembly.

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March – Parents Evenings.

Reminders:

- PE on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning.
- Forest School is on Thursday.
- Please make sure names are on all clothes to make mislaid items easier to return to their owners.
- Reading books in every day.
- Drinks bottles in every day.

Challenge

We would like to set the children a shoelace challenge! We would love the children to become independent when tying their own shoelaces. Let us know how you get on!

Forest School.

In Forest School we have taken full advantage of the winter weather and have been exploring the ice. We created our own investigation and discovered what would melt the ice the quickest. We concluded that the ice melts the fastest in the classroom.

As part of the Big Bird Watch 2025, we have been identifying British birds and talking about which birds we have seen in our gardens and around at school. We enjoyed making bird feeders to hang up in our gardens to help the birds during the cold, winter months.

