



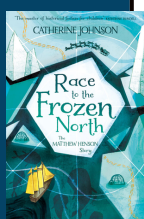
POLZEATH CLASS

Spring 1



Reading

Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and their ability to answer questions about what they've read. This half term our reading material will include a range of texts related to our main topic on Antarctica. To end the day, we share a carefully chosen book together as a class. This half term, we will start to read, *Race To The Frozen North*.



Our Main Topic

Our big question for this term is
"What does it take to be an explorer?"

KS2 will be exploring the wonders of Antarctica and the learning will take pupils on an adventure to the most southern part of our Earth. The children will investigate the unique geography and challenging conditions of Earth's coldest continent. They will explore a fascinating world of physical geography, learning to distinguish between daily weather and long-term climate patterns and what impact humans play in the future of this extraordinary continent.



English

This half term, we will use our topic on Antarctica and the experiences of Antarctic explorers and scientists to inspire recount diary writing. Children will explore a range of spelling rules and grammar features, including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes, rhetorical questions (to engage the reader). In non-fiction, we will focus on instructions, giving children lots of opportunities to practise and refine their skills. They will continue to deepen their understanding of punctuation, such as commas and question marks, while developing confidence and creativity in their writing. Year 4 children will begin to become more consistent with the way they use commas after fronted adverbials.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to focus on times tables to build fluency and confidence. Both Year 3 and Year 4 will explore strategies for multiplication, and division. Both year groups will deepen their knowledge of written methods to help with their calculations. We will then move on to look at fractions and decimals. This term, Year 4 will also investigate length and perimeter, while Year 3 focus their learning on mass and capacity.



PE Days

Children in Polzeath Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities. This half term, Polzeath class will be covering rugby skills on Tuesday and gymnastics on Friday.

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to complete their weekly homework. It is wonderful to see so many children handing in homework every week. Please continue to take time to hear your child read and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress.

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.



If you have any questions, concerns or information about your child to share, please feel free to pop in for a chat—we are always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gill and Mrs Hewitt