

Bamburgh Class – Spring Term Information

We hope you have had a fun filled family Christmas break and are looking forward to starting another exciting term.

This half term we will be introducing children to the freezing and fabulous Arctic in our cross curricular topic Arctic Adventures. We will learn about Arctic explorers, the Inuit way of life, Aurora Borealis, ice and its properties, Arctic animals, and so much more. Please see our topic web for further information.

Bamburgh Teaching Team

This half term there have been some changes to our timetable. Mrs Bowron & Mrs Hutchinson will be teaching in Bamburgh class Tuesday afternoons and Mr Moloney will be teaching with Mrs Hutchinson on Fridays.

Beach School

Our beach school this half term is planned for 15th February. Further details will follow shortly.

Phonics and Reading

Children will participate in daily sessions of phonics, guided reading and handwriting. We will share and listen to the following key texts as part of our topic this half term:

- The Great Explorer by Christ Judge
- The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo
- Polar Bear Son by Lydia Dabovich.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home three books a week. We ask that children read each book a minimum of two times, as rereading is an essential part of learning to read. Books will be changed on a **Thursday** this half term. After hearing your child read please tick the book list to show they have read their books. You may wish to add comments to your child's reading record as this helps us understand how pupils are getting on with their reading at home. We will also be using the reading records in school, and adults will use either an 'I read with an adult today' or an 'I've done guided reading today' stamp to keep them updated.

Spellings

Your child will have weekly spellings to learn at home linked to their phonics or common exception words. The spellings for Year 1 and Year 2 will be available on the school website and a paper copy of the spellings will also be sent home at the start of each term in your child's blue reading folder. We will have a spelling check this half term on a Friday.

PE

This half term PE will be on Friday's with Mr Moloney. Our focus this half term is dance and yoga. We would ask that your child's P.E. kit is **clearly named**, as we cannot return unnamed items.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle to use in school.

Ways to help your child:

- Read stories to your child, to develop the love of reading.
- Listen to your child read on a daily basis.
- Help your child to learn all their phonic sounds.
- Carry out spelling activities and learn weekly spellings.
- Visit the library to look for books to support our topic.
- Use the Internet to research our topic.
- Play English and math games on our virtual learning environment at www.school360.co.uk.

- Encourage your child to play on Numbots (Y1) or Times Table Rockstars (Y2).

School Closures

Here are some suggestions for activities in the event of a school closure:

- Useful link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/z3sr4wx>
- Numbots
- Times Table Rockstars.
- School 360 (activities and tasks set on Google classroom).
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>
- Keep an illustrated diary of your day at home.

We look forward to another fun filled term with new & exciting learning experiences.

Kind regards

Miss Richardson, Mrs Hutchinson (& Mr Moloney)