

Bamburgh Class – Spring Term 2 Information

We hope you've had fabulous February half term break and are well rested ready to start a new term.

This half term our focus text is 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann. This is the whole school text for World Book Day and also the basis of our class topic. It follows on from our Arctic explorers topic where we have been learning about the Arctic.



When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the other animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his odd habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust. Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colourful leaves... trying to get back home. Perhaps he isn't so different after all?

We will be using the book and its themes- relating to global warming, displacement, exclusion, family and journeys- as a stimulus for discussion, writing, science and creative work. Please see our class topic web for further information.

Dates for your diary

2 nd March	Bring your design your own potato book character' to school
3 rd March	World Book Day & Book exchange
31 st March	Bamburgh beach school day (details to follow shortly)

Phonics and Reading

Year 1 children will participate in daily sessions of phonics, guided reading and handwriting. Year 2 will focus on their comprehension skills and SPAG in preparation for KS1 SAT's at the beginning of May.

Reading Books

Year 1 children 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 Friday this half term. Year 2 will bring home one book and reading comprehension tasks as homework.

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 in the first week of term in your child's blue reading folder. We will have a spelling check every Friday.

PE

This half term PE is cricket with Tom Vickers which will be on a Monday's. 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:

- Watch some David Attenbrough documentaries and discuss the different environments that animals live in.
- Listen to Saint Saens Carnival of the Animals.
- Encourage your child to play on Numbots (Y1) or Times Table Rockstars (Y2).
- 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.

Useful links:

Maths:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>

English:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=9&AgeGroup=2>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

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

Kind regards

Miss Richardson and Mrs Hutchinson