



Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 1 2025/26

What a fantastic start we have had! We have been really impressed with how quickly the children are learning new routines, making new friends and exploring their learning environment.

Attached to this email is our topic overview for the term. This gives you a brief outline of what we intend to teach this term. Please come and find us if you would like to know more.

We have decided that our first PE sessions will take place on **Tuesday 23rd September**. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school so please bear in mind they will be wearing it all day, regardless of the weather. We will start P.E. in the hall this term and for safety reasons, the children will need to remove their own footwear and socks for the lesson. Therefore, please support them at home with practising taking off their own trainers and socks and putting them back on again. We will support them with this in school as need.

If you have your child's **forest school** waterproofs and welly boots ready at home, these can come to school and be hung on the pegs ready for use. Please ensure these are in school before the end of September so we can begin our forest school sessions together. Their forest school clothes will stay in school all term. We will return them home at the end of each term and they will need to be returned to school on the first day of each new term.



Reading books will be sent home with your child for the first time during the week of 15th September. Further information will be sent along with the books to give you some ideas of how you can support children at home with their reading. Initially, we will send home wordless books and then as the children begin to learn phonics, we will send home books matched to the sounds that they are learning in school.



We invite you to come to the school hall after drop-off on **Thursday 25th September** for us to share some information about home learning (We only expect this to last 15-20 minutes). We will explain what this entails and how you can support your child at home. This will be a perfect opportunity for you to ask questions and look at your children's home learning packs for the first time.

On **Wednesday 19th November**, from 9am -10am we will be running a phonic workshop for new reception parents/carers. This will also be held in the school hall and will be an opportunity for you to see what a phonics lesson looks like. You will be able to play some phonic games with your children afterwards and see how these simple activities can also be done at home to help reinforce their learning. If you are unable to attend but have a member of the family that would like to come along to the event, we welcome them too.

Lunch Boxes - If your child brings in their own lunch from home, please bear in mind that some of our children at school are allergic to different foods and and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts or sesame seeds in your child's lunch box. We also ask that you cut grapes in half to minimise any potential risk of choking and put only put water in drinks bottles (nothing flavoured) in order to protect teeth. We thank you for your understanding with this.



Finally, please remember that if you have any questions, feel free to speak with any member of SLT (Senior Leadership Team) or see Mrs Sweet at the end of the school day. You can also contact us via the class email – AntarcticaClass@gmail.org.uk. Please note that the class email account is not routinely checked during the school day, so if you have an urgent message, please contact the school office.

Year R Term 1 Key dates:

- First PE day: Tuesday 23rd September
- Parent meeting regarding home learning: Thursday 25th September after drop off in the school hall (doors will be open from 8.45am with a view to starting at 9am)
- Forest school clothes and boots to be in school before the end of September.