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Coming up next week...5/1/2022

Maths

Learning in school:

Children will play a maths game which will consolidate their knowledge of place value. As a challenge children will look at 3 digit numbers as part of this.

English

Learning in school:

Children will begin the week by writing a New Year's Resolution and detailing how they will achieve this.

We will starting a new topic: *Come and Explore with Me*, focusing this half term on the Poles. We will begin with a 'sensational starter' where children will be immersed in an Arctic/Antarctic experience and then produce a piece of descriptive writing. Please keep this a secret from your child though! ☺

Reading/Phonics:

This week, we will be focusing on Common Exception words and completing phonics assessments.

Topic

Learning in school:

Inside PE: This week, children will begin a new module: gymnastics. Children will also be taking part in an Arctic themed Cosmic Yoga.

Music: We are starting a new module: I Wanna Play in a Band. Children will begin by listening to and appraising the song 'I Wanna Play in a Band' by Joanna Mangona. They will use their bodies to find the pulse and think about what instruments are playing in the song. We will discuss whether or not they like the song and why. We will then start learning it.

Geography: Together we will look at a World Map and where the Poles are in relation to the Equator. We will discuss how this affects the weather in those regions. Children will shade in their own map to reflect the different temperatures of the regions.

Science: Children will be sorting Polar animals into whether they live in the Arctic or the Antarctic. We will be addressing misconceptions (in particular, polar bears and penguins never meet because polar bears live in the Arctic whereas penguins live in the southern hemisphere!)

We will explain that the Arctic is an ocean surrounded by land, whereas the Antarctic is land surrounded by ocean and that the Antarctic is the coldest place on Earth.

Homework

We would like the children to have a lovely rest over the Christmas holidays as they've worked so hard this term. We hope that you have a restful break too. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Additional notes and reminders

Please could girls wear shorts under their skirts on a Tuesday for yoga and please could children wear their PE kit to school on their class's PE days.

Please also ensure that no earrings are worn to school at any time.

Class email addresses:

Please do not use these email addresses to tell us about changes to pick up, as we do not always have the opportunity to check the class email addresses during the school day.

Leopards: leopards@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Bears: bears@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Monkeys: monkeys@mead.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.