

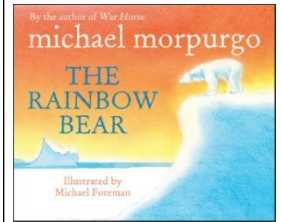
# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Key Stage 1

## Spring 1



In KS1, our reading canon books are *One Day On Our Blue Planet: In The Antarctic* by Ella Bailey and *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo.

As part of our curriculum work, we will take an in depth look at the continent of Antarctica. Find out more details below!



In **English**, we will write a diary as the Rainbow Bear, thinking about his feelings in the story. We will ensure our writing is well presented and use the correct punctuation. We will also write an explanation text about an animal from the polar regions.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be continuing the topic of 'Addition and Subtraction'. We will be using manipulatives such as a number line, Numicon and counters to add and subtract numbers up to and beyond 20 (Year 1), up to and beyond 100 (Year 2).

### In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

#### History

We will be learning about the exploration of the South Pole, we will look at the lives and journeys of Amundsen and Scott and compare their expeditions to the South Pole.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will explore the five oceans of the world. We will learn about the conditions within the oceans and the habitats they provide for different animals.

#### Science

In Science, we will be learning about the topic of 'Food Chains'. We will look at what different animals eat, where their food comes from and how energy is passed along a food chain.

#### Art & Design

In Art, we will be creating artwork using stitching to add detail. We will study the work of Julie Shackson, a famous textile artist.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be talking about families and relationships and thinking about how our families care for us.

#### RE & Music

In RE, we will be exploring places of worship. Pupils will understand the importance of prayer and song within the act of worship. In Music, we will be listening to and appraising music, we will understand the difference between tuned and untuned instruments.

**Key Stage 1 Teachers:** Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Wright  
**Other adults:** Miss Dimmock, Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss Mortimer, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Midgley, Mrs. Weathers

Our PE lessons this half-term will focus on Fundamental Skills and Team Building.

Year 1 - **P.E.** is on: **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 2 - **P.E.** is on: **Monday and Friday.**

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.