



YEAR 1/2 SQUIRRELS SPRING 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



This half term our curriculum theme is
Our enquiry question is: **Hot and Cold Places.**
We will be looking at different places around the world, exploring their climate and the living things that live in different places and how they have adapted to live there.



ENGLISH - WRITING

This term in writing, the children will be creating a non chronological report. The first 3 weeks will be about Polar Bears and the next 3 weeks will be about the poles. They will then be putting all of this together and creating one big report!



ENGLISH - READING

The children will continue to make great progress with their RWI phonics and reading programme.

Some of our children have progressed to our reading comprehension group, learning to read longer texts and answer detailed questions.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the children will be working upon different units. Year 1 will be looking at place value of numbers between 1-20 followed by addition and subtraction. Year 2 have begun looking at money and will then begin to look at multiplication and division.



Geography

This term the children will be looking at Hot and Cold places. This will involve looking at the equator and which countries lie on this and what the climate and life is like in these countries. They will also be looking at colder climate areas like the Arctic Regions and Antarctica. They will then answer their enquiry question: Where would I want to live and why?



SCIENCE

This term the children will be exploring living things and their habitats. They will learn about why living things are adapted to where they live and explore food chains. They will conduct the 'blubber experiment' in which they will discover how penguin's blubber helps them adapt to extreme cold climates.



ART

This term the children will be looking at a technique called printing influenced by an artist called Man Ray who was known for his x-ray inspired photography.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term the children will be answering the enquiry question: What do Jewish people remember during Shabbat? They will be looking at how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat, how they celebrate it and why this is important to them.



COMPUTING

This term the children's computing topic is called Moving Robots. They will be learning about buttons on a Beebots, instructions and commands and looking at giving robots clear directions.



PSHE

This term their topic is Dreams and Goals. They will be thinking about what they would like to achieve and looking at the steps needed to achieve this goal.



Music

The children will be continuing to appraise different genres of music and they will be using Ukuleles to compose music and rhythms.

