



Welcome Back Year 1!

Year 1: Miss Sparkes

Spring Term 2015

Happy New Year to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

At the heart of our learning this term:

- **Special People**

We will recognise that we are surrounded by people who love and care for us. We will learn that there are people who have special roles within our parish. We will also learn why Jesus is a very special person in all of our families.

- **Meals**

We will explore how the parish family gathers for the Eucharistic Feast. We will retell the story of the Last Supper and learn about the importance of Holy Communion during the Mass.

- **Change**

During Lent we will learn that during this time we reflect on life and change. We will retell the story of Palm Sunday and find out why we celebrate this special day in church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **KS1 Talent Show:**
30th January
9am
- **INSET Day**
13th February
- **Year 1 Class Assembly**
26th February
9am

Polar Explorers

Our overall theme this term is **Polar Explorers!** We will be going on an adventure through the snow and ice in order to find out about the climates and ways of life in places much colder than where we live. We will compare these places and decide how they are the same and different to where we live.

We will start our journey by finding out about the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his climb up Mount Everest. The children will consider what made this explorer a special person and what we can learn from him.

The children will then explore polar regions and discover what life is like in Antarctica. The children will then build a class igloo to keep us cosy and warm on cold arctic days!

As we use our investigation skills, Year 1 will find out about changing materials as they plan scientific investigations in order to find out where ice melts the fastest, what happens when you freeze materials and which material would be suitable for a waterproof coat for an explorer.

We will use our problem solving skills in order to estimate how many milk bottles we will need in order to build an igloo, record how many bottles are donated and what is the most popular choice of milk for the BRW community.

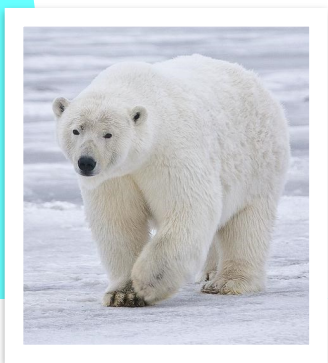
Year 1 will visit the library and select

books to help us with our learning. We will write our own arctic adventure stories and describe different polar locations.

Our music lessons will be inspired by the beats and rhythms used in the film 'Happy Feet'. The children will create and compose their own pieces of music that any tap dancing penguin would be proud of!

Our artistic talents will be put to good use as we design and make clay and paper mache sculptures of mountains and igloos.

We will then go on our own adventure to Glapton woods where we will explore the woods, create our own dens and shelters and use tools and knots to make binds and lashings.



PE:

This term our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. PE sessions will focus on games. Children **must** bring their kit into school on a Monday and will take it home on Friday.

PE sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure that your child has black plimsoles/trainers, a hoody/jumper and black shorts or plain jogging bottoms to wear over their kit.

Reminder:

Due to health and safety reasons, children are only permitted to wear one pair of **stud** earrings. Earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.



Forest Schools:

After half term we will be visiting Glapton Woods every other week. Children will need to bring a change of clothes for these sessions and wellington boots. There will be more information about this to follow.

Year 1 Blog

Please check our blog regularly to see what Year 1 have been up to on their adventures. The children are keen to share their experiences with others. We encourage you to leave comments on the blog but please remember to use first names only.

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Thank you.

And finally...If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me.

I am looking forward to this busy and exciting term ahead!

Miss Sparkes

