



Pole to Pole...

How Can We Adapt?

Dates for your diary

- Welcome Mass:** Thurs
14th Sept
- BRW Jubilee Mass:** Thurs
12th Oct 9:30
- Parent's Consultations:**
Tue 17th Oct 1.30pm—
4pm
- Wed 18th Oct 4pm-7pm
- Harvest Mass:** Thurs 19th
Oct
- Half Term:** Oct 23—27th
- Halloween Disco:** Tues
31st Oct 3:30—4:30
- All Saints Mass at Church:**
Wed 1st Nov 9.30am
- KS2 Film Night:** 1st Nov
3.30-5.15pm
- Year 4 Class Assembly:**
Wed 8th Nov 2.45 pm
- Y3 & 4 Film Festival Visit:**
Thurs 9th Nov
- Parish Fair:** Sat 25th Nov
- Advent Celebration Y 4-6:**
Fri 1st Dec 7pm
- Carols around the Tree &
Christmas Jumper Day:**
Fri 15th Dec 6pm
- Whole School Mass:** Thurs
21st Dec 9am
- End of Term:** Fri 22nd
Dec
- Start of Spring Term:** 8th

WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to this year's theme 'Dig, Dig and Discover, Make and Master!'

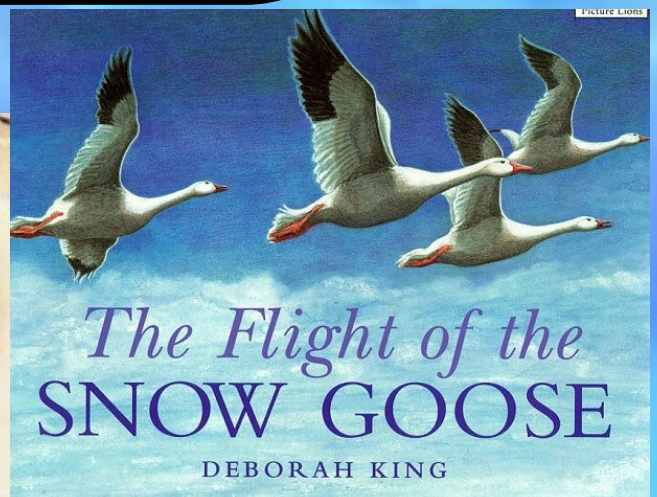
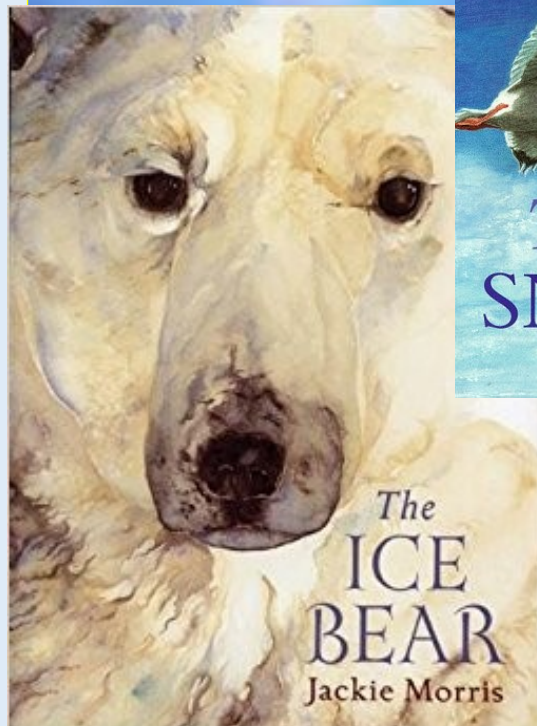


At the heart of our journey in our faith this term will be People 'Where do I come from?' Called 'What does it mean to be called and chosen?'

and Gift 'What's so special about gifts?' Our Other Faith study will be Sikhism.

We start this Autumn term with an exploring and adventurous theme: 'Pole to Pole — How Can We Adapt?' We will use a range of high quality texts, information books, film and music to inspire and motivate us!

Come and See Topics this term:



Our cross-curricular topic is **Pole to Pole—How Can We Adapt?** so we will be incorporating many themes into this adventurous work. We will be examining and analysing various texts, in **English**, and using imaginative models of writing to inspire us to create our own. To help enhance our **Speaking & Listening** skills we will participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role-play, improvisations and debate. We will reinforce and extend our **Maths** through data collection, measuring and investigations!

In **Science**, we will study Animals and how scientists classify them, adaptation and food chains, with a particular interest in ocean creatures. We will learn about the major scientific project of The Polar Explorer (David Attenborough ship and Boaty McBoat face submarine) how scientists hope to learn more about life beneath the waves at both poles. Linking with this, **History and Geography**; map work, routes and previous scientific expeditions. Our local study will be of Clifton Village so we are planning a field trip there for further exploration. As BRW celebrates it's 60th birthday, we are going to look at the changes the school and area have undergone in this time. **Do you know any past pupils that we could interview?**

DT will link with our science and English work—Hedgehogs. We will research, design and build our own Hedgehog Hideaways. **So any materials you can donate**, such as wood off cuts, plastic sheeting, buckets etc, would be gratefully received!

In **Computing** the children will use programming skills related to our topic, as they create and test sequences of commands and learn how to record work simply using Minecraft to create an Ice Biome.

P.E will consist of Dance this term with coach Mrs Bathgate on Friday afternoons. **Art and Design** will enhance our topic and give us the opportunity to explore artists such as Munch, Monet and Kandinsky, as well as author and illustrator, Jackie Morris (of The Ice Bear).



How you can help?

Encourage your child to read regularly and discuss their understanding of the texts. There will be English, Spellings and Math homework every week. Your child will write details in their diary on the day the homework is set. There could be follow-up research in other areas if appropriate.

Please check the diary regularly and encourage your child to complete the tasks set. Please make sure your child has their labelled P.E. kit (black shorts, white tee shirt and trainers or plimsolls, plain tracksuit in winter) in school on **Mondays**. PE kit stays in school all week.

Your child also needs a **painting apron/old shirt** in school to protect their uniform during art lessons. This should also remain on their peg in a bag all term.

Please bring in a **Science 'Lab coat'** if you haven't already. All you need is an old shirt (labelled)

Please check the **Year 4 Web page** for updates and recommended websites. Support your child in blogging and posting comments, please ensure they **only** use their first name and their school email address. Some Writing challenges may be set so please let me know if this will be a problem.



If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this year I'd love to hear from you! An exciting term to look forward to, if you have any queries please feel free to ask, my door is always open. Thank you in advance, for your support. Here's to a fun filled year!

Miss Courtney