



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 2

Topic: The Arctic and its Explorers



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year Two pupils will write a narrative practising using different sentence types and structures. They will write a persuasive text based on a fictional book in the form of a persuasive letter. Finally, they will write a recount to recall the excitement of their Science trip to the Hancock Museum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week.</li> <li>Practice spellings each week ready for the spelling test on Friday.</li> </ul>
Maths	In Maths, the children are going to learn about money, units of measure, spatial reasoning and fractions. They will continue to consolidate foundational facts, particularly numbers up to 20. They are practising timestables such as 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s and 4s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice counting in 4s.</li> <li>Work on number bonds (numbers that add together) to make 10 and 20.</li> </ul>
Science	In Science, pupils will continue learning about the topic 'Plants and animals, including humans'. In Summer 2, the focus will be on animals and humans and the basic needs to survive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss humans and animals basic needs to survive like food, water and shelter.</li> </ul>
Geography	In Geography, Year 2 are learning about field work and map skills. This will include cardinal points and how to locate areas on maps using human and physical features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read a map together.</li> </ul>
History	In History, the children are learning about the question 'How has being an Arctic explorer changed over time?'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss famous explorers.</li> </ul>
Art	In Art and design, pupils will continue to focus on sculpture. They are working towards creating their own replica of the Angel of the North having already considered scale and explored clay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore clay, creating different shapes and patterns.</li> </ul>
PE	The children will focus on running, jumping and throwing. They will also work towards Sports Day and practice the traditional games and sports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do something active.</li> </ul>
RE	In RE, the children are continuing to learn about the importance of caring for others and the world around us. They will look at how different religions care for others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight acts of kindness to others and things around us.</li> </ul>
Music	The children will learn about long and short sounds, as well as learning about different composers and listening to their musical pieces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify long and short sounds on the radio or in the car.</li> </ul>
Computer Science and IT	In Computing, the children are working towards creating and programming their own quiz.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz them about something learnt at school.</li> <li>Let them quiz you!</li> </ul>

In PSHE, Year 2 are learning about People Who Help Me. This will highlight worries, how to deal with them and who to talk to if they escalate.

- Talk through any worries and reiterate the importance of trusted adults.