



Lanercost C of E Primary School

Class 2 Newsletter

This half term we have been learning about Antarctica and continuing our work with the Polar Explorers Project. This will continue next half term.



Phonics

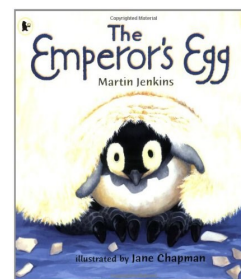
This term we have continued to practise our phonics using the Read Write Inc. Phonics Scheme, and we have been applying this phonic knowledge to our literacy work. We have been focusing on using letter names (A B C...) when spelling out words, and using the correct 'Special Friends' to spell. The Year 1 children will also be continuing to prepare for their Phonics Screening Check that will be completed in June.

Reading

Children will continue to complete daily guided reading sessions. During these sessions we will read the Read Write Inc. phonic book suited to your child. This will then be sent home for you to have another read. The aim is for them to read this book fluently with you at home and then return it back to school. This is to help the children to gain confidence in their ability to apply their skills. We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week. Please sign your child's reading record book when you have read at home. Please remember that you do not have to read a whole book with your child each evening, and that reading a book more than once can help with fluency, understanding, and confidence.

Literacy

During the term we are reading a selection of fiction texts linked to the children's interests. The first book that we have begun to look at is *The Emperor's Egg* by Martin Jenkins. We have been linking the book to our Antarctica project, and learning how to create pieces of non-fiction writing. If you have any non-fiction books about Antarctica or the Arctic at home, that your child would like to share with the class, then please send them in for us to read.



Children have been practising their spellings every morning and will be tested on a Friday. You will soon find a list of High Frequency word spellings in your child's book bag. These are the words your child has been finding difficult to spell. Your child has been practising

these every Friday. We will be testing these again next half term. Most children have now had their first go on SPAG.com. All the children have their password stuck into their reading record so that you can access the questions for homework.

Numeracy

During this term, we have been further developing our place value, number and calculating skills, working with numbers to 100 and beyond. Children have also continued to work on their 'Lanercost Maths Passports'. Each morning Children practise their Fast Maths by completing a practise sheet.

Science

In Science this term we are continuing to learn all about Animals and Habitats, with a particular focus on Antarctic and Arctic animals. We started the term by completing some experiments with a visitor from the Polar Explorer Project.

RE

RE is taught on a Thursday afternoon this term. Miss Turnbull will continue to teach Year 2 and Mrs Reed will continue to teach Year 1.

PE

PE takes place on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Clarricoats and the coaches at Morton School, where the children have taken part in gymnastics. On a Friday afternoon children have been participating in WhisKids and Yoga. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and wearing their school shoes. After the February half term the children will swap activities with the older children and they will go swimming on a Tuesday, and on a Friday they will be enjoying art with Abby.

In addition to PE, Year 1 will also continue to visit the woods on a Tuesday morning for Woodland Schools. Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies in school for this.

Homework

Numeracy and Literacy homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in by the following Thursday. Once a month your child will receive 'Flag of the Month' homework, where they need to find out about the flag which hangs outside the school by looking either on the internet or in a book.

Bernard Bear

Bernard Bear has enjoyed lots of exciting trips over the last term. He will continue to take turns to come and visit you at home for the weekend. Each time your child has his/her turn to bring Bernard home for the weekend, please encourage them to write about the

experience in his diary, and draw a picture or stick in a photograph, map or leaflet from a place he has visited.

A class timetable is attached below for your information.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fisher and Mrs Siddall

Class 2 Timetable – Spring 2018

	8.55 - 9.25		9.30 – 10.30		10.50-11.50	11.50-1.00	1.00-1.25	1.30 – 3.00	3.00 – 3.25	
Mon	Guided reading, Comprehension, spellings and quick maths activities	A C T I V A T E	Phonics/ Literacy	P L A Y T I M E	Maths	L U N C H	Phonics	Topic	A S S E M B L Y	
Tue			Phonics/ Literacy		Y1 Woodland Schools Y2 Maths		PE—Swimming			
Wed			Phonics/ Literacy		Maths		Computing	Music		SATS Booster Y2 Maths Skills Y1
Thur			Literacy		Maths		Phonics	RE		
Fri			Science		Star of the Week Ass Maths		Art with Abby			