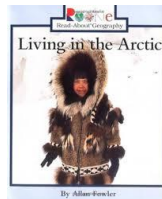


What's happening this half term in F2?

Topic

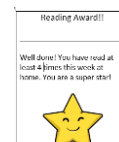
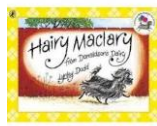
We will be starting off this half term learning all about the **Arctic and Antarctic**. The children will be learning how life in the polar regions is different to life in Mansfield. We will learn about the houses, the weather and the types of transport used in the polar regions. Did you know that in the Arctic some houses are built on stilts? Did you know it is so cold in Antarctica that no one lives there? We will also learn what animals live in the polar regions and compare those to the animals we see in Mansfield. Are they the same or are they different?

Later in the half term, we will be learning about **People Who Help Us** such as nurses, doctors, the police, firefighters and vets. On Tuesday 17th February it is Chinese New Year, so we will be learning all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated.



We love stories

At Asquith we love reading stories. We will be reading books linked to our topics and also focussing on books with repeated phrases. Children will enjoy stories and cartoons as part of our daily Drawing Club sessions. Children all have a reading diary and a take home book. If they have a blending book or ditty sheet, please listen to your child read this 4 times each week. If your child has a story book, please read this to them 4 times each week. **Children need to have their book and diary in school with them every day** because different phonics groups will now be changing reading books on different days. We will still count your child's reads every Friday and give out certificates to children who have read 4 times at home. So don't forget to write in their diary. Reading at home will really help your child.



Baking

The children all loved baking and food tasting last term. We have more baking planned for this half term. Thank you to the parents who have already paid for baking for the whole year, if you haven't, then we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£2** for this half term. Please give your money to one of the F2 staff. Thank you.

Homework

4 reads – Please read with your child 4 times a week at home. Each year we find that children who read at home make much more progress at school. It really will help your child.

RWI videos – Don't forget to show your child the RWI videos we send home each week via the School App. Watching these will really help them with their reading.

Key Diary Dates

Friday 9th January – Mini Reports

Thurs 29th January – Rearranged Winter Disco

14:45 – 15:45. Collect your child, as normal, from the F2 unit.

Friday 13th February – last day of school before half term begins.

Monday 16th – Friday 20th Feb - School closed

Monday 23rd February – INSET (school closed)

Drawing Club

If your child came home last half term talking about Bananaman or Trap Door and magic codes, they're telling you about their Drawing Club sessions. Each lesson children listen to a short story or watch a clip from an old cartoon. We then use our imagination to answer questions, predict what might happen next or explore the characters further. Children draw their answers, then they add a word code and a number code. These fun codes make their drawings do crazy things like grow 10 times bigger, or turn green! The children and staff are really enjoying these sessions. We have seen some lovely writing and number formation and we love hearing children use their imagination to come up with crazy suggestions for what their codes will do!

Other things

The weather is getting really cold so children will need to be wearing warm clothes including a school jumper or cardigan. Even on cold days, children will have some time outside so they need a warm, waterproof **coat** every day. Please put their name in it.

We have lots of lost property, all with no names in. So, we don't know who they belong to. **Please put your child's name in their clothes.**

If your child sometimes has a toileting accident, please put a set of **spare clothes** in their bag. We are running out of spare clothes to change children into. Please wash and return any clothes to school.

We have **no more Forest School**. Children will have forest school again in year 1.

We still have **PE every Tuesday** so children should come to school in their PE clothes. Children **should not wear earrings** on PE days.