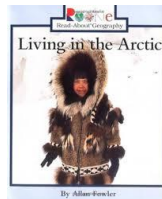


What's happening this half term in F2?

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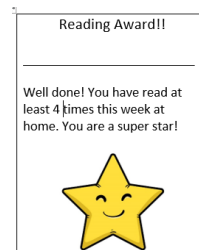
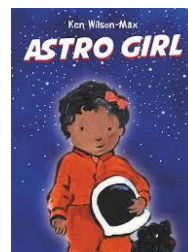
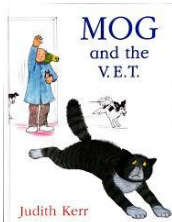
We will be starting off this half term learning all about the **Arctic and Antarctic**. The children will be learning how life in the polar regions is different to life in Mansfield. We will learn about the houses, the weather and the types of transport used in the polar regions. Did you know that in the Arctic some houses are built on stilts? Did you know it is so cold in the Antarctic 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.

Later in the half term, we will be learning about **People Who Help Us** such as nurses, doctors, the police, firefighters and vets. Wednesday 29th January 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. This half term these are some of the books we will be enjoying. Children all have a reading diary and a take home book. Please support your children with reading at home. If you have a blending book, please listen to your child read their blending book 4 times each week. If your child has a story book, please read this to them 4 times each week at home. We will change books every Friday. Each Friday we will check reading diaries and children who have read 4 times will receive a certificate! Don't forget to write in their diary each time you share a book together.



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 10th January – Mini Reports. All parents will receive a mini report letting you know how your child is progressing.

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

Friday 14th February – School closed for staff training.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st Feb - School closed

Monday 24th February – Back to school

Drawing Club

If your child came home last half term talking about Bananaman or Trap Door, that's because we've started a new lesson called Drawing Club. Staff have undertaken training with Greg Bottrill and have enjoyed rolling out these sessions. During the session, 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 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.