



Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Tamar Class



Our Topic This Term is 'Frozen!'

A journey of adventure to the most extreme regions of our planet. From the highest mountains to the remotest polar regions - this topic will uncover some of the amazing natural wonders of our world.

Survival!

The children will delve into the lives of the intrepid explorers who conquered the challenges of these harsh environments. They will discover the fate of those who were not so fortunate.

In addition the children will find out how people and creatures today cope with these hostile yet beautiful places. They will also research how modern living is changing these places forever. Humankind versus nature.

Let the exploration commence!

Welcome to Autumn Term 2017 in Tamar Class

A warm welcome back to school to all the children and parents of Year 5 at CPS.

Mr Chris Wild is the classroom teacher and is ably assisted by Mrs Pippa Jones each morning. Please feel free to come in and chat and look around the classroom at any time.

In our maths lessons we follow the 2014 National Curriculum - details can be found on the class page of our website. In the resources area you will find a PDF document of the primary mathematics curriculum. Please speak to Mr Wild if you require more guidance or support about how mathematics is taught in the classroom or about how you can support your child with maths at home.

The inspiration behind our writing this term will be the breath-taking and fascinating landscape of the Arctic and Antarctic regions and the heroic Antarctic exploits of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Robert Falcon Scott.

In our science lessons we will learn about the changes of state between solids, liquids and gasses and also about how Arctic, Antarctic and mountain animals adapt to living in their harsh environment.

In RE we follow the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus and this term the focus will be Hinduism.

Home Learning:

Your child has already been sent home with their spelling homework for the term and a letter explaining spelling expectations. In addition to spelling homework, your child should be reading at home as often as possible, ideally daily, and their reading should be recorded in their reading record. Also, I will be setting regular Mathletics activities for your child to complete at home. Finally, your child should be learning their times tables up to 12x12 (Times Table Rockstars and a variety of other web based games can be used to support this). Please speak to me if you have any questions about homework expectations or about how you can support your child at home with their learning.

A homework grid has also been provided for your child which is full of activities that could enrich the learning they do in school. The homework grid is entirely optional and your child may complete as many, or as few of these activities as they wish and their efforts will be celebrated and rewarded in school.

Please be sure to get connected and follow the learning in our class by using ClassDojo, the school website and the class blog regularly.

As always, if you have any questions, please do make an appointment to speak to me by emailing me on: chris.wild@tlat.or.uk or by making contact using the messaging service on ClassDojo.