

# Year Two Newsletter

January 2015

## Penguins

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our children and their families a very happy New Year. The learning focus for this half term is 'Frozen' and we have started by learning about Emperor Penguins. We have been finding out about their habitat in Geography, exploring their life cycle in Science and finding facts in English. Following this, children will be creating their own penguin character and writing a story about him or her.



## Science



In Science, our focus will be materials and their properties and we will be exploring how different materials can change. We will be testing materials to see which can bend and stretch and what happens to them if they are heated or cooled.

You could support your child's thinking about this by discussing what might happen when the sun comes out on a frosty morning or how changes to food happen when they are heated or cooled.

## Mathematics Learning Focus

In Mathematics, we will be revisiting addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also begin to talk about fractions in terms of halves and quarters of shapes and numbers.

It would be helpful if you could support your child by making the most of opportunities for your child to use money, e.g. by counting out the correct amount to pay for items or adding the coins that are in a purse or money box. Practising telling the time at home would also be useful.

## A date for your diary

Our next three workshops will be at 1.30 on:

- 2Y Monday 9th February
- 2B Tuesday 10th February
- 2R Wednesday 11th February

More details will follow soon.

## 'Frozen' film

For the remaining three weeks of this half term, we look forward to focusing our learning around the film, 'Frozen'.

We will be using the film to inspire the children's writing as well as making a wheeled vehicle for a character in the film.

## PE

This term, children will have dance on Tuesdays with Becca and games on Thursdays with Chris.



**Thank you, from the Year Two Team:**

Mrs Cole, Mrs Griffin, Mrs West, Mrs Shakespeare, Mrs Smart, Mrs Boraston and Mrs Joyner.