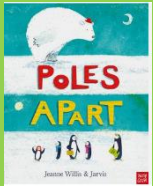


What we are learning about:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We can hardly believe it but we are about to embark upon our spring term and the start of 2026!

This week we will talk about our New Years' Celebrations, what we got up to and how it is celebrated across the UK. We will think about what a resolution is and try and make our own New Year Resolutions and Wishes!



We will also dive in to our new topic "POLES APART".

We will begin by reading our core text 'Poles Apart' by Jeanne Willis & Jarvis.

We will begin our journey around countries in the Arctic and Antarctica looking at where it is on a globe and map and what the climate is like there. We will also look at features of a map and how we can identify these. (land, water, north, south)

We will look in detail at polar bears and penguins and the similarities and differences between them.

Our core investigation questions are: Can you keep a penguin as a pet? And Can you keep a polar bear as a pet?

We will be conducting research and fact finding together to answer these questions!



Sparrows & Wrens Week Beginning 5/1/2026



Maths

This week we will recap numbers 1-7 and begin thinking about number 8!

We once again, follow all our processes and strategies to teaching number... what is it? Where does it fit on a number line, what is before it/after it (one more, one less), how can we compose it and create it! What's the digit, what's the written name, how do we 'write' the digit etc

We will be looking at how 8 is made, in lots of different ways and the composition of what 8 is.



Phonics

NEW RWI GROUPS

All children will begin in their new groups this week.

They will receive their RWI wallets back with their relevant keyrings & books on **TUESDAY**, along with their group letters.



At home you could:

Practice red word keyrings and new RWI books.

Look at a maps/globes and find where we live, talking about which part of the Earth is water and what is land.

Find Antarctica/the Arctic on a map or globe.

Find out information about penguins and/or polar bears and different facts about them.

Talk about the weather at the moment and what it is like.

Encourage children to dress themselves and pick out what they need for the weather - talk about why we need coats/hats/scarves etc.

Explorer Weeks

This term we have set out explorer week as:

12th - 16th January

REMEMBER this week children will need to come to school in outdoor/winter clothes everyday as we will be outside most of the time!!

There will be no explorer week in spring 2 due to it being a short half term (5 weeks), with an exciting parent event planned instead!