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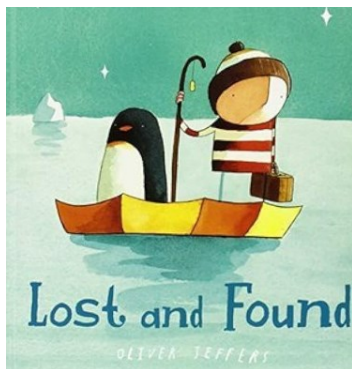
Summer Term



Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back and we all hope you had a lovely Easter break. We have another busy term ahead for our Wynndale Learners with some very exciting activities and interesting themes to explore.

Our Topic: The Arctic



This term, our topic is The Arctic. The classroom has been updated to reflect our new area of learning, and the children have already enjoyed exploring and discussing what life might be like in this cold environment.

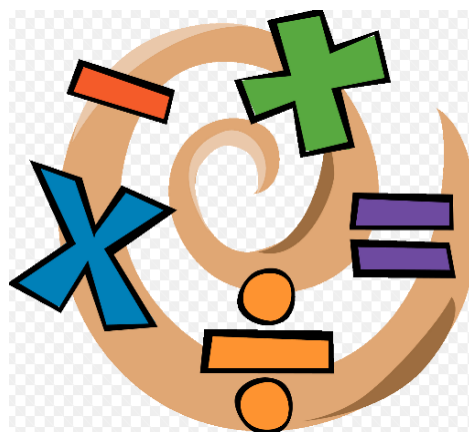
In Art, we will be completing a range of projects linked to the Arctic. Using the work of Anne Wertheim as inspiration, the children will design and create their own Arctic animal sculptures, developing their creativity and use of different materials.

In English, we will be looking at the story *Lost and Found*. Throughout the unit, the children will explore the characters, setting and key events in the story, developing their understanding through discussion and shared reading. They will look closely at the language used by the author and begin to understand how it helps to create meaning and emotion. The children will also focus on key writing skills, including the correct use of capital letters, full stops and simple sentence structure. In addition, they will examine the illustrations in detail, discussing how they support and enhance the story. At the end of the unit, the children will write their own diary entry, imagining a journey across the Arctic and applying the skills they have developed throughout the topic.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive half term!

Maths

We will continue to build on the children's knowledge and confidence across a range of topics. We will begin by completing our work on shape, where the children will discuss and compare a variety of 2D and 3D shapes, describing their properties using the correct mathematical vocabulary. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, focusing on calculations involving two-digit numbers. The children will practice different methods and develop a secure understanding of place value to help them solve problems with increasing confidence. As the term progresses, we will explore money, learning to recognise coins and use the £ and p symbols correctly. We will also introduce fractions, supporting the children to identify equal parts and become familiar with halves, thirds and quarters.



For homework, we will be focusing on times tables. In Year 2, children learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. There will be no paper copies sent home, but we encourage regular practice using websites such as Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash (please let us know if you need login details).

In addition, please continue to practice telling the time at home, as this can be a challenging area. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes, with some working towards telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Reading

We continue to place a strong emphasis on reading, as children who read regularly at home make the most progress. Research shows that reading daily can significantly boost achievement. Our 'Book Lovers Tea Party' remains popular, and it is lovely to see so many children taking part each week. Regular readers are already moving through the book bands and growing in confidence. Children will have opportunities to read with an adult in school, and books will be changed regularly by themselves. Re-reading books at home is encouraged to help build fluency and expression. We have also introduced group reading sessions which we are super excited about. It will help support children in developing their understanding, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Reading Book Bands

Pink	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Turquoise	Purple	Gold	White	Lime	Brown	Grey	Dark Blue	Burgundy
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Handwriting

Handwriting is an important part of the National Curriculum and helps children to reach the expected standard in writing. Children are expected to form capital letters and digits correctly, with the right size, orientation and spacing, as well as leaving clear spaces between words. This term, we are focusing on children beginning to join their handwriting, and encouraging them to use this in most of their written work.

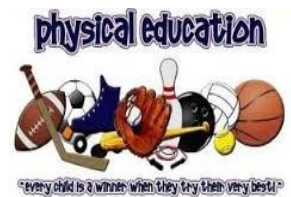
We practice handwriting every morning, and the children are working really hard. It has been great to see some lovely presentation. We are also encouraging them to use their best handwriting in all of their work, not just during handwriting sessions.

Any support at home with encouraging neat, careful handwriting would be really appreciated.

PE

Our PE days this term are Monday and Wednesday, we are focussing on Athletics and Cricket.

Please support us in making sure every child is taking part in every lesson by having their P.E kit and covering their earrings with plasters. It is a warmer term for outdoor sports so please send children with appropriate clothing and comfortable trainers where possible.



Dates For Your Diary

PE:

Every Monday and Wednesday

Break up for Half Term:

Thursday 21st May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026 is an INSET Day

Back to school after Half Term:

Monday 1st June 2026

We break up for the Summer:

Friday 24th July 2026



Year 2 Teaching Team

Miss Marsh- Teacher

Mrs Barson - Teaching Assistant