

Topic for this term

Continents and Oceans

In Geography, the children will be learning about continents and oceans. This will include locating and naming the continents, understanding more about the equator and discovering which areas of the world have hot/cold climates. The children will also be researching polar habitats and what animals need to survive in such extreme weather using different sources such as books and online resources. We will also be developing our map reading skills by identifying the different continents and making comparisons.



In English, we will begin by creating and using powerful vocabulary to describe the Polar Regions and use this to support our poetry and suspense story writing. We will also be writing a factual report about the life of a Penguin, drawing upon our Scientific vocabulary to describe their appearance, habitat and diet.

We will explore how animals are different to humans and will also use this as a stimulus in PSHE for celebrating our individuality and differences.

We also have some exciting Maths learning this half term! We will be further exploring our knowledge of place value and will continue to use this to support our addition and subtraction. We will learn strategies to add and subtract two 2 digit numbers as well as solving problems. We will also develop our reasoning skills and explain why statements may be true or false.



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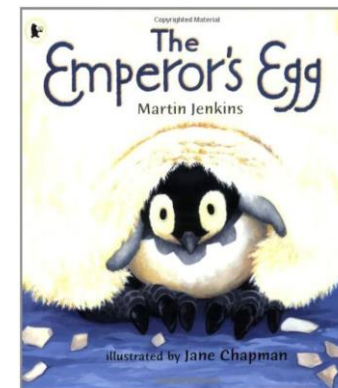
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Year 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2026

Welcome back! We hope you had a brilliant break. We are looking forward to another half term with the children and cannot wait to share our learning with you!

Thank you for your support. Miss Green and Mrs Vedia, and all the support staff.

Our class shared text



Important dates

Nativity performance –
Wednesday 9th December

How can you help at home?

To fully immerse your child with our topic of Continents and Oceans you may enjoy reading some of the following books together, such as: The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins, The Coldest Tundra by Baby Professor and Polar Lands by Margaret Hynes. You may even enjoy watching some clips together, making observations about how animals such as penguins and polar bears travel and survive, and encourage your child to use exciting adjectives to describe what they see. You can find some interesting clips on the BBC website e.g. Spy in the Huddle and Andy's Wild Adventures.

Every **Friday** we will set home learning which will be available on the ILD via the Learning Zone and will need to be completed by the following **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school (white top, black shorts and suitable trainers) and a warm tracksuit for the winter. P.E will take place on **Wednesdays**.

Please ensure you bring book bags every **Friday** ready for us to change.