



Finches Class Newsletter

Our topic for this half term is Frozen!



We are also going to have a special mini-topic all about Diwali.

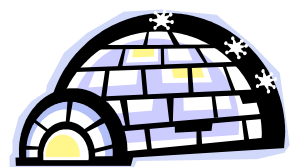


How to help your child at home this term by:

- Listening to your child read aloud as frequently as possible.
- Talking about any seasonal changes you observe together.
- Have a look at some non-fiction information books and talk about how they can be used, e.g. look at contents pages, index and glossaries and look at how pictures usually have a caption and sometimes labels.
- Practise recognising and counting money.



Autumn Term 2 –
November/December 2020



Mathematics

Year 1

We will be learning our number bonds to 10; adding numbers together; subtraction by taking away, counting back and finding the difference; recognising, naming and making patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Year 2

We will be learning how to add and subtract 10s; add 2-digit numbers crossing ten by adding the ones and tens; subtract a 1-digit number or a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number; find and make number bonds; add three 1-digit numbers; recognise and count coins and notes, find the difference and give change.

In addition, the children will do topic related Maths. Using a variety of 2D and 3D shapes, the children will have the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of their properties by creating their own models.



Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- exploring hot and cold colours
- making polar scenes
- looking at the work of Canadian artist Ted Harrison and making wax resist pictures (links to Science)
- constructing Innuksuks
- Christmas crafts
- Diwali crafts

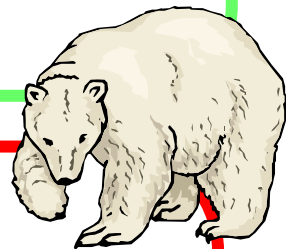


Science

Use of Everyday Materials—Exploring changes

As scientists we will:

- Observe a block of ice and record the changes.
- Devise an investigation to melt ice quickly or slowly.
- Create puddles and measure how they change.
- Take up the challenge of investigating the absorbency of fabrics.
- Explore changes in wax through wax resist art.



English

We are going to use lots of fiction and non-fiction texts about the Arctic/Antarctic and look at the animals which live there. We will also be using books such as *Oi! Get off Our Train* and *The Rainbow Bear* about endangered animals to base our writing on.

We will learn about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita and make our own firework poems.



This term the children will also continue practising letter and number formation, especially addressing any issues of letter or number reversals, e.g. b and d, and making sure children are holding their pencils correctly.



Geography

As geographers we will be:

- learning how to locate the different continents of the world and the polar regions using atlases, globes and Google Earth.
- finding out about why it is colder in the polar regions and compare the climate to that of the UK and other parts of the world.
- studying Sri Lanka as a contrasting locality to our own.



History

As historians we will be:

- Learning about significant events: Titanic, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day
- Learning about significant people: Polar explorers - Shackleton, Scott and Amundsen and the early expeditions to the Antarctic.



Computing

We will continue learning about e-safety and using Google Earth to see the polar regions. We will also begin looking at how to make effective searches on the internet and how technology is used outside of school.



Library day is on a Friday

**Your child will choose a book to share with you at home.
Please return for the following Friday.
Thank you.**



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Hinduism—Diwali



**Celebrations
Christmas
Festivals**

PSHE

We will be looking at respecting rights and exploring feelings especially when giving and receiving gifts.

Water Bottles



Please bring **water** bottles in daily.

PE

PE this term is topic based dance. We will also be continuing yoga sessions with Debbie McAllister.



Music

As musicians we will be:

- Listening to Indian music.
- Learning lots of Christmas songs and carols.