



# Prairie Falcon Class Curriculum Letter

Spring Term First Half 2019



Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. This half-term we will be packing our thermals and heading out on a polar adventure. We will be learning all about the people, animals and climate of both the Antarctic and Arctic regions and looking at the differences between them. As part of our learning we will be visiting Gilbert White's House where we will become Antarctic explorers for the day. Below are some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. As ever, your involvement in your child's education makes such a huge difference to the progress they make so thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards  
Miss Noyce

## English

We will be learning to write exciting information texts on penguins which will go on display and form part of a class book.

### You could help your child at home by:

Reading an information book about the Antarctica, the Arctic or animals in general and discussing the features (pictures, sub-heading, labelled pictures etc.). The Dorling Kindersley (DK) Books are good for this.

Visiting the websites below which have lots of child-friendly information on the Arctic, Antarctic and the animals we will be studying:

<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/places/ten-facts-about-the-arctic>

<https://www.ducksters.com/animals/penguins.php>

## Maths

We will be looking at multiplication and division this half term as well as creating different graphs and charts

### You could help your child at home by:

Begin to practice the 2s, 5s and 10 x table.

Explore dividing with sweets and everyday objects.

We have also been looking at money and different coins so continue to reinforce this concept with the children when they go shopping, calculating the amount of change etc.

Using games such as

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts. In fact the whole of [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) is very useful and lots of the games are tablet and phone friendly.

## Computing

We will be using PowerPoint to create a short presentation about Antarctica. It would be useful if your child had some basic knowledge of using Microsoft PowerPoint at home.

## Geography

In Geography we will be looking at the climate, habitats, people, places and animals of the Arctic. It would be useful if your child has some information on this (use of internet/library).

## PE

PE is going to be indoors this half term. Please ensure your child has their **full PE kit** in school at all times and that it is clearly marked with their name.

## Parent Helpers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to any parents who would like to come in and hear children read. Hearing children read, both at home and in school, makes a huge difference to the progress they make not just in reading but with their English and spelling as well.