



## Happy New Year !!!!

The theme for this term is '**Winter Wonderland**'. We will be learning about cold places on Earth including the Arctic and Antarctica. We will be finding out about the animals that live in cold places and the impact humans are having on these places. We will be investigating water, how it freezes and how objects can float or sink.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and learning about how and why it is celebrated around the world.

### P.E Days and Kit

Mrs Lane's and Miss Dunn's children both have PE on a Tuesday afternoon (outside) and Thursday morning. Children will need to have a PE kit in school for these days.

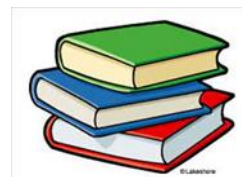
Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt and black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings for these sessions.



### Reading and Phonics

The children are now in their new phonics groups and will be bringing home phonics books to read to families and a book to share.

Please make sure you write in their journal as these reads go towards their reading badges each term. They need to do 40 reads before Easter. Please look on the Ruth Miskin website to further help your child with their phonics learning.



### Snack

The children will be receiving free milk and fruit for snack.

Please send your child a refillable bottle with their name on





## Welcome to F2 - Spring 1 – Winter Wonderland



**Communication and language.**  
We will be learning vocabulary related to cold places and the animals that live there.



### Literacy

We will be carrying on with our phonics lessons and reading books about cold places, the animals that live there and Chinese New Year. We will be writing facts about the animals who live in Antarctica and the Arctic.  
**Please read with your child every day.**



### Physical Development

**PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please send the children to school in their PE kits with their uniform in a bag.**  
This half term we will be developing our ball skills.



### Mathematics

We will be identifying the whole and parts of a number, matching numerals to quantities within 10 and verbally counting beyond 10. We will be practicing doubling numbers up to 5, halving numbers from 10 and solving problems using these skills. We will be learning our number bonds to 10.



### Expressive arts and design

We are learning how to mix colours and follow instructions on how to paint a penguin.

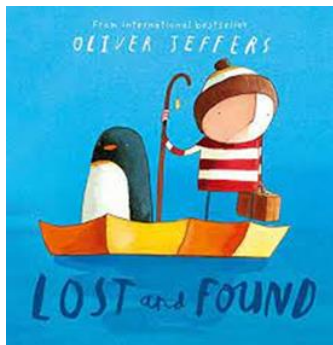


**Personal, Social & Emotional Development.**  
We will be building our resilience by trying new activities and making sure we are following the golden rules.



**Understanding the world**  
We will be investigating water. Looking how it changes into ice and how it melts. We will also be exploring what floats and sinks in water.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and learning about how and why it is celebrated around the world.



### How to help your child this term

Please read with and to your child everyday. Children understanding how books work is so important. Knowing which way to hold the book, turn the pages, where the text is, the pictures. Talking about what is happening in the story will help them learn new vocabulary and develop their comprehension.

The children have been doing phonics at school following the Read, Write, Inc scheme. This focuses on the sounds the letters make as this will help them to blend sounds together to read. You can watch various short films about this on the Ruth Miskin site.

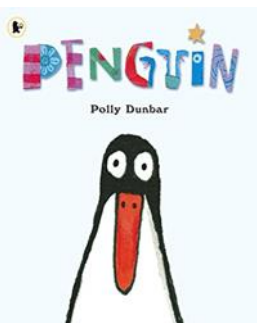
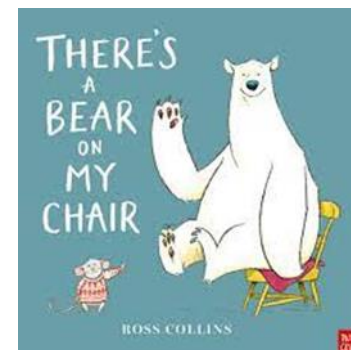
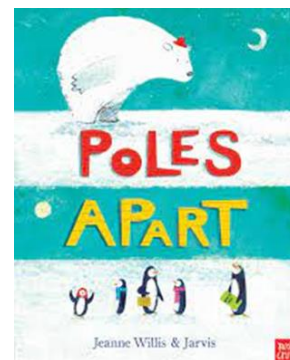
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

We will be continuing to learn our doubles to 10. Have a look at this song the children love it !

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/8jOzhiACB68?app=desktop>

We will be setting 'selfie home learning' on the blog to help support and extend your child's learning. Please take part and send us your selfies. The children love to see themselves on the blog. Send selfies to

**f2@watercliffe.Sheffield.sch.uk**





## **Important dates this half term**

**Parent's evening – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

You will be able to book online closer to the date

**Watercliffe's Got Talent – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Visit to Hillsborough Park – Date to be confirmed**

**Half term holiday – 16<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February**