



# Rufford Class

## **What will we be learning about?**

This half term, we move back to Geography and are learning all about Arctic Animals! This then crosses into other areas of our learning, as we will be writing narratives about Arctic Animals in English and reading 'Lola the Plant Hunter' in Reading, which is a text about a polar bear who enjoys exploring. In Maths, we start by learning about money before moving on to multiplication and division. In Science, we are focusing on different animal groups and will be learning more about mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. We will be sewing polar pouches in DT and thinking about our dreams and goals in PSHE. As always, you can keep up to date with all of our learning through visiting the Rufford Class page of the school website.

## **PE Information**

Our PE focus for this half term is teamwork, cooperation and communication and we will be completing a range of activities in order to build these skills. Uniform expectations are the same as always, and earrings should be removed or covered before school.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and this will consist of reading comprehensions, Maths work or other tasks which match our weekly learning. We will be having a strong focus on reading comprehension this half term, so please do ensure your children complete these tasks as it will be beneficial for them in terms of building their confidence. Please let me know if you have any concerns or you wish to discuss homework at any point. Homework can be handed in each Wednesday or emailed to [rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk)

## **Spelling**

Please continue to use Spelling Shed to practise weekly words. These words will always have a spelling pattern and focus, which should help aid understanding of spelling rules for children. There are also the common exception words that need to be spelt correctly in all writing - please contact me if you would like a copy of these words.

## **Reading**

We continue with reading lessons, which allow us to focus in on a specific text or page and answer specific questions about key events. Children have adapted well to these lessons and are becoming more confident with how to answer questions. Keep up the great work!

## **Dates**

Reading book changes - Friday

Spelling books - Friday

17th January - Canal Trust Visit

5th February - Class trip to The Deep

6th February - Safer Internet Day

7th February - Valentines Disco

11th & 12th February - Parents Evening

## **Wrap Around Care**

We are now running after school clubs and these vary each day. They may also change each half term. For now, the clubs are as follows:

Monday - cooking

Tuesday - football with Worksop Town FC

Wednesday - tag rugby

Thursday - arts & crafts

Friday - movie

These clubs run until 4.15 and then our tea time club continues until 5.30. Please use ParentMail to book any sessions - the booking closes 24 hours before each session. Don't forget, we also have a breakfast club that runs from 7.30 each morning!

## **Rufford Class Page**

The Rufford Class page of the school website has lots of photos and extra information about our learning each week. Please do take the time to have a look at what we've been up to and the photos are great conversation starters to find out what your children have been learning about!

## **Homework task**

This week, there is a reading comprehension and Maths task for you to complete. Please hand in by Wednesday 15th January. If you wish to discuss anything, please let me know.