



# Mather Street Primary School

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## Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

### English

This half term in English, Year 1 are using the texts Penguin Small by Mick Inkpen and One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth. By the end of this half term, the children will continue to practise and understand the features of a sentence. The children will be writing narratives and instructions.

### Maths

In maths, the children will be focusing on numbers 11 -20. We will look at how to make these numbers using different practical equipment to deepen the understanding of the parts of each number e.g. 13 is 1 ten and 3 ones. We will also be revising number formation and the children will need to know how to spell the words relating to each number e.g. 13 is thirteen.

### History/Geography

In history, the children will be focusing on another significant historical figure – Scott of the Antarctic. We will be looking at hot and cold countries including The North Pole (Arctic) The South Pole (Antarctica) and Brazil in South America with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest. As part of this topic we will look at 2 points on a compass – North and South.

### Science

We will look at the seasonal changes that happen in Winter. We will briefly look at some of the animals found in the North and South Pole.

### Computing

This half term the children will continue to practise logging in independently and understanding how to be safe online. Over the term, the children will be using looking at the units Lego Builders and Maze Explorers.

### PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be looking at their dreams and goals.

### Art

We will look at colours associated with cold places and produce a picture depicting part of the South Pole landscape.

### RE

Over the next term the children will learn about The Three Kings, Easter and Passover.

### PE

This half term, the children will be taking part in dance lessons.

### Homework

Tasks will be given out each Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will be marked and returned to **you to keep** on a weekly basis. Please empty the plastic wallets weekly. Please make sure that your child hands in their homework and reading books so that they can be marked and reading books can be changed on the day allocated to your child. Please make sure that yellow reading records are signed so that we know that books have been read and certificates can be given as children achieve them.

Kind regards - The Year One Team