



Week beginning: Monday 7th January



Dear Parents,
 Happy New Year everyone!
 I hope you have had a restful break.
 Our outdoor PE day is now on Thursday.
 I will confirm the day of our second PE lesson next week. Please ensure full kits are in school.

Kind Regards,
 Mrs Aitken

Core subjects

This half term our topic is: Can a story start a revolution?

Maths - This week we are looking at using the 4 operations with decimal numbers before beginning a unit of work on percentages.

Literacy - In Literacy, the children will be ordering a balanced argument (discussion text) before planning and writing one on should animals be kept in captivity? In Guided Reading, we start reading our text 'Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell.

For more details about this half term's curriculum, please see the school website - Curriculum - Yew Class.

Home Learning - Please complete at least three of the tasks from the tic-tac-to grid over this half term.

Create a papier mache Russian Faberge egg. Include some information about it.	Research wolves- what is their habitat, diet and survival strategies?	Make a Russian treat such as blinis or pelmeni.
Learn to count to 10 in Russian and the words for hello, good-bye, please and thank you and prepare how you would teach this to the class.	Make a papier mache or felt Russian Matryoshka doll and find out about its history.	Research either the Winter Olympics in Sochi or the Football World Cup and present some information for example, the names, locations and capacity of the stadiums.
Design a poster to show all 4 seasons in French. You can publish this on a computer if you like.	Create a tourist brochure and travel itinerary for a visit to Russia.	Write an information text on the life of Katherine Rundell (author of 'Wolf Wilder') and include what inspires her.

Spellings Topic Words
Year 5 and 6

Russia	language
permafrost	neighbour
tundra	physical
Taiga forest	
revolution	
communism	
Soviet Union	
superpower	
Siberia	
Moscow	
Ural Mountains	
life cycle	

