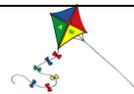


# TWYFORD ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Ash Class Weekly Newsletter



**Week beginning: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Our topic is: Polar Explorers**

**MESSAGES**

It's nativity week! Thank you for all the amazing costumes your children have brought in - they are going to look fab! We will be filming on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week and the DVD will be with you before the end of term. Please do let Mrs Chadwick if you would like one - they will make great Christmas presents!

The children will likely be very tired after lots of concentrating and performing in the nativity this week. We will be having some arty fun in the afternoon as we learn about mixing colours, textures and techniques.

The Year R children have begun learning their digraphs which is coming at a time of high excitement about writing as we write letters to Santa and lists of presents and friends as well as Christmas cards in our different classroom areas!

Mrs Keating

**Year 1 Core Subjects**

- In English we are reading and writing poems inspired by Christmas.
- In phonics we are learning to read and spell words beginning with 'wh'.
- In maths we are learning to count in 10s

**Reception EYFS Specific Areas**

- This week the children will be practising blending sounds to read and write words.
- In maths, we will be learning about adding two amounts together and counting to 20.
- We will be learning the sounds: th, ee, ai
- We will be learning the tricky words: to, into

**Year 1 Spellings**

Spellings are tested every Friday and new spellings are glued into yellow spelling books. These words will follow the pattern we learn in phonics each week.

**wh**  
when  
which  
whisper  
wheel  
wheat  
whirl

**Year 1 Home Learning**

Design and make a Christmas decoration. This can be made out of any material.	Choose a polar animal to research. Is it a bird, mammal, fish, reptile, amphibian or invertebrate? Is it a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore?	Read (or share) a story about winter. Did you enjoy the story? Why/why not?
Can you measure and record the height of yourself and your family? What unit of measurement did you use? Who is the tallest/shortest?	Design an outfit for a trip to the Arctic or Antarctic. What kind of clothes would you need to wear?	Read (or share) a non-fiction book on Robert Scott or any other polar explorer. Write down three interesting facts you find out.
Can you create your favourite polar animal? (You can use any medium you wish - paint, sketch, collage, model, etc)	Can you find objects in your house that are 2d shapes? (Circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, pentagons, hexagons and octagons)	Make Christmas themed word search. (There are lots of websites that can help with this.)

### Walk and Talk about...

Here are some things you might ask your child to get them to talk about their time in school...



- Monday: How did the dress rehearsal go?
- Tuesday: Did you read any poems today?
- Wednesday: Did you sing any Christmas songs today?
- Thursday: What did you learn with Mrs Lawrence today?
- Friday: What art have you been doing this week?