

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring Term ~Reception, Y1 & 2

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Spring Term 2015, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there

This Term our focus is to become the “The Frozen Household.” Inspired by the film “Frozen.”

When we arrived back from the Christmas holiday, having played in the snow that Elsa provided our village with, we found that our whole classroom had become Frozen. We will be finding out about the jobs of the people who live in Arendelle castle, and we will be using our expert knowledge to help characters sort out problems from the story.

Here are some of the curriculum areas that we hope to cover:

- Literacy: poems about an icy landscape, factual writing, reports and letter writing; along with story writing with empathy for others.
- Numeracy: Calculations to 999 and beyond, telling the time, shape, space and measures. Plus collecting topic related data and presenting it in a number of ways.
- ICT: Using simple robots to carry out commands, and using the internet to safely find information.
- Geography: The seasons and locating continents on a globe.
- PSED: Thinking about others and problem solving together.
- Science: Looking at materials, particularly the states of water. Thinking about how materials are suitable for particular purposes. How to change the shape of materials.
- RE: Visiting a Christian place of worship (Eagle Church) and learning about aspects and functions of religious buildings.
- Art: Multimedia pieces especially colour-mixing and observational drawing.
- Music: Listen to cold themed music and making our own using percussion instruments. Singing the songs from ‘Frozen’.
- PE: Large and small ball skills with simple games. Exploring ways of moving through ‘Frozen’ based drama and dance.
- Technology: During Technology week we will be helping Elsa to travel across the ice and snow on our inventions.

As you can see, it’s packed full of fun and learning. We are going to be very busy!

Mrs Luddington and Mr Mason

### Update:

We are focusing on the **deeper understanding** of problem solving in school at the moment. This is specific to maths, but also in terms of ICT and the use of logical, thinking skills.

We are unpicking the important elements of any problem, making them clear and ensuring that we understand each part by being able to talk about the problem and use specific vocabulary.

You can help us with our ‘talking maths’ by asking you child(ren) to describe exactly the process they have followed.

### Messages :

This term, PE could be on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Please have kit in school all week. We do like to get outside, so please include a warm jumper and long trousers.

Homework for Years 1 & 2 continues to be handed out on a Thursday, to be handed in the following Wednesday. Thank you for the super job you are doing with this. Reading records are also now collected with the homework.