



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are ready to explore their new topic!

We will explore polar animals through fiction and non fiction books and through a range of activities and discussions as well.

The children will have many opportunities to work in various areas within the classroom, to explore, to learn independently and in groups too.

We will also have many exciting activities to look forward to as December approaches with the excitement of Christmas and Santa!

Thank you for your support!

The EYFS Team



### Communication, Language and Literacy

LFS will continue with Phonics work which will include letters and sounds games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas, also recognising and writing our names. We are focusing on listening skills to support our preparation of listening to sounds within words.

UFS will continue to focus on Phonics work, using this knowledge in daily reading sessions. We will be exploring a range of polar stories and will begin to discuss characters, settings, problems and solutions in stories.

UFS: Please read with your child every night and write a comment in their books. Children who read every night will go into a monthly draw to win a trip to the book shop!

LFS: Books are available to take away and share with your child. Signing them out is easy and it will give you a chance to talk about the pictures, what may happen next, the characters in the story and the settings.

# CHALONER PRIMARY

## Early Years Foundation Stage Topic Letter

This half term's topic is: Polar Regions and Christmas



### Maths

Our Number and Shape work will continue to focus on number recognition, practical calculations, identifying the most and 1 more / 1 less. We will also explore 2D shapes and comparing size and weight. We will begin to look at capacity.

### Physical Development



UFS will continue with our weekly PE sessions which will focus on music and movement and travelling. Please remember to send in a named PE kit and to take out earrings prior to arriving at school. PE kits can be kept at school for the term. Outside we will continue to learn a range of throwing and catching skills. LFS will also focus on their motor movements to include various travelling ideas too. All of the children take part in daily exercise at the beginning of the session, involving movements to music. Smaller motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! Our climbing frame outside is also helping to develop confidence, strength and balance.



In **PSED** (Personal, Social and Emotional Development), we will continue to focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. We will also begin tooth brushing and look at how to stay healthy. This will include tasting new foods and textures.

### Understanding of the World:

We will be looking at the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas and how they are similar and different. We will also look at Bonfire night and how to stay safe.

Thank you to those who always contribute £1 to our Design and Technology fund every term, this enables us to cook and taste each week!

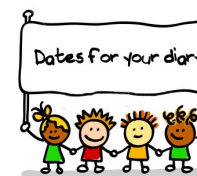
Children have the opportunities to explore the changes in the seasons and we are looking at hibernation and the changes as Winter approaches.

We will also explore how people survive in the Polar regions and animals which live in a different climate.



### Expressive art and Design:

The children will have creative opportunities each day to explore the topic this term. Through paint, play dough, glue and other media, children will explore and expand their knowledge and understanding of polar regions and Christmas.



- Wednesday 16th November—School Disco
- Friday 18th November—PD DAY (closed to children)
- Friday 25th November—Individual photographs
- Friday 25th November—Activity hour
- Tuesday 29th November—Class photographs
- Friday 2nd December—Christmas fayre
- Tuesday 6th December—Family Day
- Tuesday 13th December—KS1 + UF Performance
- Friday 16th December—Festive non-uniform £1
- Friday 16th December—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
- Tuesday 3rd January—BACK TO SCHOOL