Thomas Bullock CE Primary & Nursery Academy
Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2025

Antarctica & Arctic Class—reception

Let your light shine!

Welcome to reception!

In Antarctica class we have **Mrs Marjoram** (EYFS Lead / Teacher) & **Mrs Sturman**.

In Arctic class we have **Mr Weston** (teacher) & **Steed**.

We will have **Ms Drake** for our **Music** lessons, **Mrs Dutson** for **Forest schools** and **Mrs Greenland** for **PE**.

PE days:

Antarctica class - Tuesday & Friday

Arctic class - Thursday & Friday

PE will begin from W/C 15th September.

Children are to arrive at school in their PE kit (including trainers) and will wear this for the whole day.

This half term's learning:

Our topic this term is 'Marvelous Me and the World I live in'.

We will focus on transitions, making new friends, our feelings, classroom routines, managing our own personal hygiene and sharing our experiences. We will also explore the wider World around us including our families and people who help us in our local community.

Our first focus text this term is the Colour Monster.

We will begin learning our sounds in phonics lessons, following the Read, Write Inc. sequence. This is a very exciting time as we begin to learn to read and write. We will be hosting a parents phonics workshop soon...details are to follow.

Notices:

Tapestry: we use tapestry online to share and document snippets of your child's time with us. If you haven't already, please check your email inbox for a joining link to activate your child's account. We love to see what your child gets up to at home so please do add to this when you can.

Attendance: Each day your child learns huge amounts in school through our directed teaching times and through interactions with their friends. In phonics, for example, we move at pace and learn a new sound most days! Please support your child in attending school every day. They will get tired as the term moves on so think about how you can ensure they have plenty of rest times at home to help them with this.

Baseline: all children will undertake the DfE's baseline with their class teacher during the first few weeks. This is valuable 1:1 time where we can get to know your child better and identify their next steps in learning.

Things to remember:

Your child will order their lunch in class during registration each morning.

Each day your child needs their filled water bottle, book bag, cardigan/ jumper and a coat once the weather cools. Please only send a rucksack if they can **pack and unpack it themselves** with total independence. We find a bookbag and drinks bottle is all that's needed.

To keep at school: a pair of wellies; waterproof jacket and trousers or an all in one suit; wipes; a **full** change of clothes including socks and underwear.

Please, please, please name ALL of your child's belongings! This helps us return lost items to you and supports your child's independence in recognising and taking care of their belongings. Staff cannot spend lots of time looking for things that go missing.