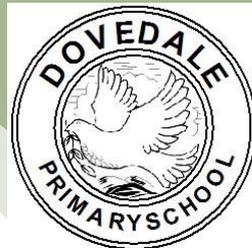


# Dovedale Primary School



## Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back; we hope you have had a wonderful and refreshing break. We have another exciting term of activities planned, with new learning challenges in all curriculum areas, we can't wait to get started!

**Our topic for this term is 'We are explorers' - Why are explorers very brave people?**

### **History**

We will be focusing on Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition to Antarctica. In a few weeks time, we will go on our own exploration around the local area.

### **Science**

Our new topic is Materials. We will be investigating a range of materials, distinguishing between the object and the material from which it is made and comparing everyday materials. They will be trying to answer the following questions using their enquiry and investigation skills:

'What materials does a Polar Explorer wear and why?'

### **English**

This half term our key texts will be 'Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers by and 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge.

The children will explore these stories by listening, responding and retelling them in their own words. They will learn how to use a range of punctuation and learn spellings including prefixes and suffixes. On Tuesday 16th January we will be visited by **Black Box Theatre** company to inspire our new topic and our writing.

### **Reading**

Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day and record comments in their diary.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in June. The full list of speed sounds is attached to this newsletter. It would benefit your child if they could practise reading the speed sounds in and out of order.



### **PE/Clothing**

PE lessons will remain to take place Monday/Thursday alternating each week. PE kits will stay in school until the next half term break.

We are still finding it a struggle to identify school uniform and PE kits when items of clothing are found in the classroom. May I remind you that all clothing needs to be labelled clearly so that if lost, it can be easily returned. Many thanks!

### **Homework**

Thank you for your continued support with the half termly homework challenges. We have enjoyed looking at all the creative ways you have presented your learning at home.

Please continue to send homework books back into school every Monday. They will be sent back home the next day.

### **Learn and Explore**

Friday 2nd February at a new time of **9:10am - 10:10am**

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