



PUFFIN POST

Spring 1 2012



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Plants and Animals'. We will be comparing animals in different environments. We will be looking at the parts of a plant and learning about how plants grow.



For the first two weeks we will be learning about penguins in Antarctica. A useful website to help your child is:
<http://www.kidzone.ws/animals/penguins/>

Literacy

The texts we will be using in Literacy this half term are linked to our topic work. We will be reading 'The Emperor's Egg' by Martin Jenkins, 'Giraffe's can't dance' by Giles Andreae and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will be continuing to work hard daily with our reading and phonics.



Numeracy

In Numeracy this half term we will be looking at 2-digit numbers. We will be learning about tens & units, introducing numbers to 100 and becoming familiar with the 100sq.

There is an interactive 100 square on <http://www.primarygames.co.uk/pg2/splat/splatsq100.html> that your child can use to help with their counting in tens and ones.

Swimming

Just a reminder that Puffins swim every Thursday and we ask for a contribution of £2 each week towards the cost of lessons. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a swimming costume and towel to school every Thursday. We still have quite a few pupils who do not have their kit with them on a Thursday.

Swimming will start on Thursday 26th January



PE

Puffins PE day is a Friday. Please can you make sure your child has shorts and t-shirt in school on this day each week. This half term we are doing football so your child will also need **sandshoes or indoor trainers** in order to participate. We encourage pupils to leave their PE bag on their peg for the half term to make it easier for them.



Homework

Your child will continue to come home with a homework book which will contain a few different choices for them to complete. Pupils do not need to complete everything on the list. They can choose the activities they would like to do. Homework will be set every Monday and pupils will be given a chance throughout the week to share work they have completed at home. Please encourage and support your child to complete their homework.



ICT

This half term the children will be exploring sound and music in ICT. We'll be recording and changing voices, finding and adding music and sound effects and creating our own music using the computers. At home the children could find and download sound effects from the internet using



<http://soundbible.com> or www.soungle.com and then add these to their own work.

In school we'll start to develop mini podcasts combining voice, music and sound effects.