



**HAWKSWORTH WOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Donaldson Class

Mrs Hancock and Miss Parsons

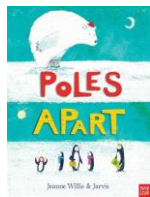
ENGLISH

In English, we will be exploring stories all about our wonderful world – learning about different countries/continents and its animals!

Examples of these will include:

Poles Apart, by Jeannie Willis; Lost and Found, by Oliver Jeffers; The Tiger who came to tea, by Judith Kerr.

These texts will provide a stimulus for us to write informative captions and sentences about our topic, practicing and applying phonics skills to do this. We will practice using punctuation correctly, including capital letters and full stops.



MATHS

In Maths, we will continue to explore the composition of numbers 1 to 10 and comparing these. We will also be introducing 0.

We will also be looking at the measuring concept and will explore new terms such as mass, capacity, length and height. We will use a variety of measuring tools to help the children apply their understanding of this, in a practical sense.

Key Information

PE

Our PE day is Friday, so please send your child in to school wearing their kit.

PE kit is **Navy blue shorts/joggers, white T-shirt, navy blue jumper or hoodie and trainers.**

Reading

From January, we will be sending library books home on Tuesday. Phonics books, that are matched to the children's phonics ability will be sent home on Thursday. We encourage you to comment regularly in your child's reading record so that their progression in reading and phonics can be monitored well.

Please return both books on Monday. This is extremely important as we use the phonics books in our reading sessions in class.

School start time

From January, please drop your child off by 8:45. The school gates will close at this time and any late arrivals must go through the school office, to be signed in.

Important Dates

Monday 6th January 2025: school opens for Spring Term 1.

Friday 25th April 2025: Nell Bank school trip for EYFS.

Topic

Our topic this half term is...

Our Wonderful World!

We will be learning all about our world, including some famous polar and desert explorers! We will also be looking at the different types of animals in hot and cold countries and making some of these in art, using a range of creative skills, including clay sculpting! The children will also learn all about the Lunar New Year at the end of January and its lovely traditions.