



# Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 1 – Spruce and Pine

Theme this half term: Come fly with me: Arctic circle and The Visionary

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was an exciting and busy half term in Autumn 2. We celebrated Diwali day and Christmas. The children enjoyed their Christmas parties and Pine class also won the Christmas object competition! The children did lots of learning and worked extremely hard. As geographers, we explored the 7 continents and 5 oceans. As writers, we wrote instructions on how to decorate a biscuit.

This half term, we are looking forward to more fantastic learning. We will be learning all about the amazing inventor Ada Lovelace, who is famous for her inventions and developments in the field of technology. We will also be learning about the incredible nurse, Florence Nightingale, so look out for the work we produce on our weekly class blog. We are looking forward to our exciting drama workshop based on Florence Nightingale by Alex Fellow this term too.

What will we be learning about and how can you help your child?

**English:** We will learn the story of Florence Nightingale and explore why she was one of the most famous women in British history. As writers, we will be writing a report on the work she did during the Crimean war. You can also act out the story at home with your child to help them remember the key events in her life. You can help your child by researching interesting facts about Florence Nightingale.

**Maths:** Place Value within 20 and Addition and Subtraction within 20. You can help your child by practising:

- Counting within 20.
- Understanding one more and one less within 20.
- Order numbers to 20
- Using jumps on a number line to add and subtract within 20

**Science:** Life Processes/Growing. As scientists, we will explore and learn how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain. We will also identify and name different sources of food.

**Theme:** In Art, we will use a range of materials creatively to make a 3D Form / Collage related to the Inukshuks. Inuksuk is a figure made of piled stones or boulders constructed to communicate with humans throughout the Arctic.

In computing we will explore multimedia and pictograms. In Music, we will learn Inuit throat singing. In PSHE, we will look at friendships and healthy eating. In DT, we will explore and use mechanisms to create moving pictures. In geography, we will look at weather and climate features and learn how to use maps and globes. In dance we will learn Inuit drum dancing. We will create, repeat and perform short dances from a prompt. In history, we will learn about the Inuit people and their traditions and customs, using sources of information to find out about the past. You can help your child by researching who the Inuit people were. You could explore how the seasons change by observing the changes outside over the next few weeks and helping your child note down their observations.

### Reminders

PE Days: Monday (Pine & Spruce) Our focus is Athletics.

Times tables to practise at home: 2, 5 and 10

Reading: Please can you ensure that your child is reading their reading book every day at home. You could help your child become fluent in reading the red words and the story green words. If they are struggling to read any of the words in the book, don't forget to encourage them to use Fred Talk.

Spelling: Every Friday the children have a spelling test. Please practise spelling the words daily with your child.

### Spellings for the half term

1 2/1/23	2 9/1/23	3 16/1/23	4 23/1/23	5 30/1/23	6 6/2/23
ir, ur	oo	y	or	air, are	ph, wh
girl	food	very	for	fair	dolphin
bird	pool	happy	short	pair	phonics
shirt	zoo	funny	horse	chair	alphabet
turn	book	dizzy	score	care	when
hurt	foot	silly	more	dare	which
burn	wood	jolly	before	share	wheel
are	she	so	there	come	friend
were	we	here	where	some	put