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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you all so much for attending our class outcome. The children were delighted to perform for you all, I could really see how much they enjoyed it and how much their confidence has grown since we started seven weeks ago. I hope this will continue as we head into a busy Christmas term!

We have started this term by building igloo structures and doing some orienteering to help a stranded explorer find their missing rucksack. This will help us explore our new project '**Polar Explorers**'. The aim of this project is to build an understanding of how explorers try and push for further knowledge, and show resilience even in the most challenging situations. I would be really grateful if you could keep this a secret from your child so that they can experience the magic on Tuesday when they find out as a class.

Our big question is: ***How does it feel to discover something for the first time?***

In **literacy** this term, we will be putting on our spooky-writing hats to create a story filled with suspense. We will also be developing our ability to collect, present and analyse information to write a non-chronological report about Polar Bears. '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' by Roald Dahl continues to be our guided reading book for this term and I am also looking forward to sharing the book '**The Polar Bear Explorers Club**' by Alex Bell as an end-of-day reading treat for the children.

In **maths**, we will be learning about estimation, multiplication and dividing 2-digit and 1-digit numbers.

In **Science** we will be learning about light, investigating how we are able to see things, reflection, how shadows are created and we will be making shadow puppets. Later on in the term, we will be moving onto forces and magnets to understand north and south magnetic poles.

In **PSHE** our topic will be all about 'Dreams and Goals' and in **RE** we will be focusing on Christianity to discuss what Christmas means to different people.

In **PE** we will be looking at dance to create patterns of movement and imagine we are explorers setting off on our own amazing journey of discovery. We will also be doing some orienteering to understand how Polar Explorers navigated their way to the North and South poles.

In **Modern Foreign Languages**, we will be practicing listening, talking, reading, and writing in Spanish with Mrs Shorter.

Homework this term will begin on 2nd November. On **Friday**, children will set both multiplication tables to practise on Times Table Rockstars and spellings on SpellingShed (paper copies can be provided for anyone who

experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on both their multiplications and spellings **every Friday** so it is in their interest to practise these.

From the second week of term, I will be checking to make sure homework is completed each week. If you or your child ever want any support or resources to help with this please do not hesitate to ask.

We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you, a sibling or even a teddy bear. Please encourage reading for pleasure everywhere in every way you can. If you could record at least three of these in your child's reading record that would be greatly appreciated.

On **Monday and Tuesday mornings** the class will continue to be taught by the wonderful Mrs Shorter.

PE will take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon.

Some points to remember:

- If, for any reason, you wish for your child not to take part in a PE lesson, please may we ask for a written note from you.
- On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit (black shorts/trousers, plain white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls, all named and labelled). School jumpers and cardigans can be worn over their white t-shirts.
- To avoid lost kits can you please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.
- Please also ensure they bring water to school in a labelled bottle.

Our outcome for the term will take place in the form of the KS2 Concert on the 15th December. It has been so lovely to see the children engaging with their weekly music lesson taught by Mr Levy and they are looking forward to performing for you all. Please keep an eye out for official timings nearer the date on the school weekly calendar and newsletter.

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to another busy and exciting term of learning! Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Bennett and the Year Three Team.