

Y2

# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Spring 1

Happy New Year to everyone from us all in Year 2. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and are ready to go again for the Spring term. Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts that you gave to the staff in Year 2 – they were all very much appreciated! We have another busy term ahead of us with lots of learning to be done and lots of different activities for the children to look forward to!

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 12th February – Parents' Evening  
(1:30pm finish)**

**Friday 13th February – School Closes for half  
term at 3.15pm**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February–School opens for new  
term**

**24<sup>th</sup> March–Whole School Theatre Production–  
The Jungle Book**

**27<sup>th</sup> March–School closes for Easter**

## Friendly Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school at all times. This is really important for your child's learning and development.
- Homework – reading is the main priority for homework. We will also upload weekly spellings on Purple Mash and set a Maths activity on Purple Mash as well. A weekly spelling review will be on a Friday.
- Please ensure that you are reading with your child at least 5 times a week.
- P.E days this half term will be Monday AND Wednesday for both classes.



# What we are studying

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This half term, our topic title is Poles Apart. In Science, we are going to be looking at the properties of different materials. In our Geography lessons, we will learn all about our Earth and the continents and oceans. In Art, we are looking at the artist David McEown who is a watercolour artist known for expressive landscape paintings especially remote regions.

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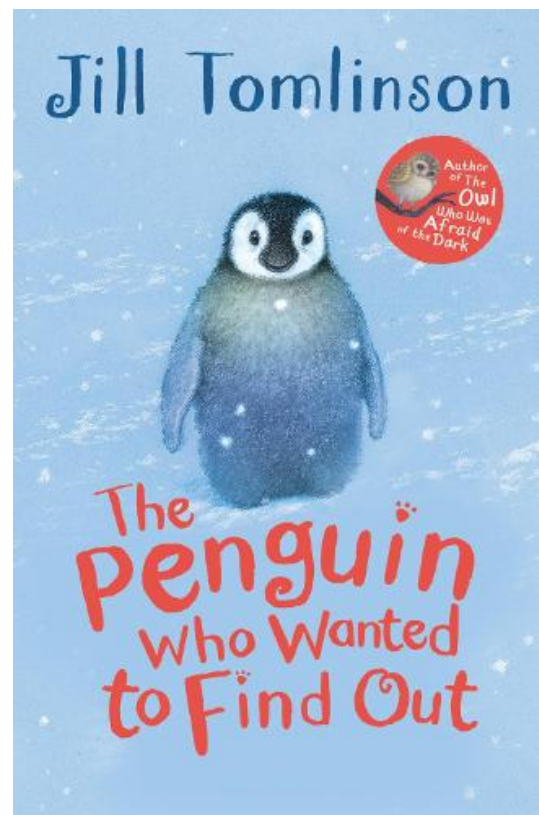
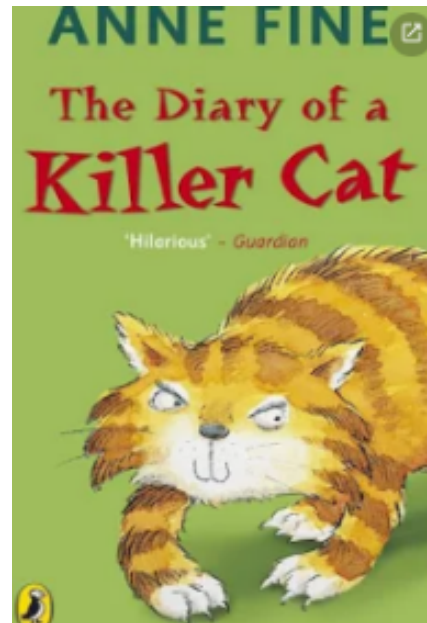
## English

In English we will be looking at how to write a diary with a focus on Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts and learning how to write a report about animals that we will find in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. In our spelling lessons we will continue to learn all about spelling rules as well as continuing with our phonic sounds.

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## Guided Reading

During our Guided Reading lessons, we will be reading a wide range of texts including fiction, non-fiction, play scripts, fact books and more. We will continue with our work on the Accelerated Reading program and our class novels will be The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out by Jill Tomlinson and The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins.



## Maths

In Maths we are continuing with our addition and subtraction work as well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue to work on our times tables.