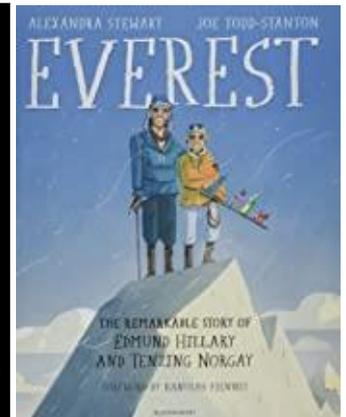
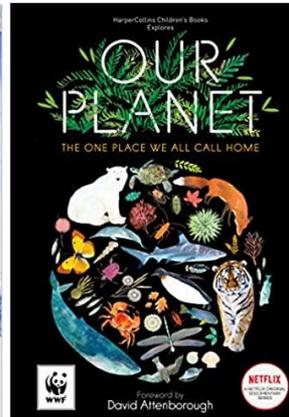
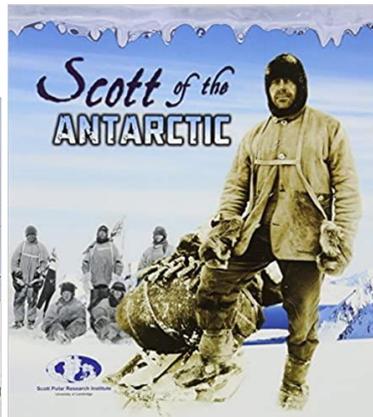
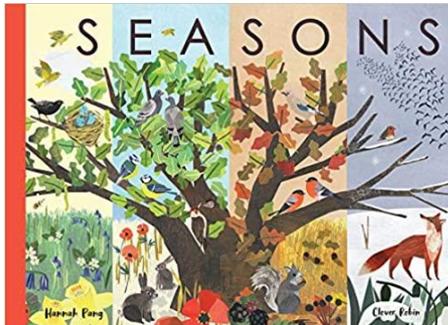




This term, across the school our topic is 'Our Planet'. In Meadow Class, children are learning about the seasons, and how we recognise spring, summer, autumn and winter. In Woodland Class, children are learning about hot and cold places and finding out about Scott of the Antarctic. In Ocean Class, children are learning about the climates and biomes found on planet Earth as well as the flora and fauna that are found in them. In Mountain Class, children are learning about the key physical features found on Earth, including mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.

### Books to support children's learning:

Below are some suggestions of non-fiction texts that could be purchased to support your child's learning this term. There are of course many more, but these are ones children will be familiar with from use within school.



### Ideas for things to do at home to support your child's learning:

[Mama Papa Bubba](#) is a great family run site that has a bunch of fun activities for kids, including this Season Sensory Bottle idea. This activity uses old water bottles. Blue food colouring added to water in the bottle gives the bottle a nice blue colour and each bottle is filled with different objects to represent the seasons. Research the different seasons and brainstorm ideas for fillers before beginning your activity to help your student better understand the seasons and the difference between them.

[Google Earth!](#) This is a wonderful way to explore the world right from the comfort of your home! Why not spend some time visiting places all over the world to see what you can find out from them by zooming in closer and closer! Can you find somewhere you'd like to visit in real life? Can you find somewhere you have heard of but not visited?

[Make an erupting volcano at home!](#) Use bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in a water bottle to create an irreversible change which creates an eruption. You could make the bottle look more like a volcano using recycled materials, and perhaps add food dye to make it red. The Natural History Museum website has detailed instructions.

### Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkvv4wx/articles/zcx3gk7>

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/polar-temperatures/>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/biome/403913>

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### Key Vocabulary:

autumn winter spring summer  
weather precipitation hot  
cold warm wet dry desert  
arctic climate animals plants  
adaptations desert polar  
temperate tropical forest  
mountain volcano earthquake