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Dear Parents,

Our Topic this term is **Who's On Thin Ice!** Our core text is *The Ice Bear* by Jackie Morris, 'an enchanting and magical book.' We will be exploring its figurative language and the links to Inuit Culture in the High Arctic to write a narrative poem. We will be comparing this text to Jackie Morris' other book *The Lost Words*. The children will be able to see that one book is pure poetry and *The Ice Bear*, despite being a traditional – Inuit Folklore tale, also contains poetic features. Jackie's love of nature and magical use of watercolour images will support our understanding of how the man made and physical environment of the Arctic differs from the UK – as well as the impact we are having upon it from afar! We will investigate cold places in the world in Geography and compare the countries that make up the Arctic in to those we have mapped in Europe. We will understand the term hemispheres. Further to this, we will explore the use of tools and way of life of the people who live in the Arctic, including prominent Inuit artists and how they too gather inspiration from nature. Inspired by them, we will be designing our own repeated pattern print, using two colours.

We are very excited to be learning Spanish this term and mirroring the work we have already covered in French: foods we like and dislike. In R.E. we are focused on Judaism and the special festivals, symbols and meanings and comparing them to the other religions we have studied this year. We are hoping to visit the local synagogue.

This term also brings us Book Week on the week starting 27th February. We are very excited to have a talk from Helen Tozer, bring in our second-hand books to swap and dress up on the Friday!

Finally, we are continuing our PE with Tag rugby on a Tuesday for 3C and 3A and Wednesday for 3P and 3O.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team