



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a term! I hope you had an enjoyable half term holiday.

Our topic this term will be based on a book called Shackleton's journey by William Grill which has won the Kate Greenaway medal. The book looks at Ernest Shackleton and the awe inspiring tale of adventure his ship, the Endurance, and his crew had. We will be looking at the history of Arctic and Antarctic explorers. This links with our science where we looking at animals and how they adapt to their environments. We will create polar art and learn about the geography of our polar regions.

Homework

Your child has already been given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

General Reminders...

- Both classes will two one hour sessions of PE this term, one each on Tuesday and Friday, which will be taught by Mr Brown. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled this term: Year 5 on 2nd and 29th November. Year 6 on 1st and 23rd November. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

Miss Perring

Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	Shackleton's journey	Shackleton's journey
Christian Value	Value in focus: trust	Value in focus: trust
English	Character descriptions Letter writing Instructions Winter poetry	Descriptions Letter writing Instructions Winter poetry
Maths	Multiplication and division Statistics and measures	Fractions
Science	Humans and other animals- food chains, habitats and adaption. Investigation skills	Humans and other animals- food chains, habitats and adaption. Investigation skills
Computing	Computer networks Excel	Computer networks Computing
History	Arctic and Antarctic explorers	Arctic and Antarctic explorers
Geography	Antarctica and Arctic regions	Antarctica and Arctic regions
R.E.	Christianity - Christmas	Christianity - Christmas
Art & Design	Printing	Printing
Design Technology	Christmas gifts for the fair	Christmas gifts for the fair
P.E.	Games – Mr Brown	Games – Mr Brown
Music	Singing techniques	Singing techniques
P.H.S.C.E.	Finance	Finance
French	Christmas	Christmas
Wow Events	Year 5 class assembly Tuesday 29 th November	TBC
Community Links	Christmas church service	Christmas church service
SMSC development	Christmas church service Reflections on trust (school value)	Christmas church service Reflections on trust (school value)
Other Dates	Wednesday 2 nd November – Forest School Tuesday 29 th November- Forest School	Tuesday 1 st November- Forest School Wednesday 23 rd November- Forest School