

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some quality time with your families. Here's to a brilliant 2023!

This term our value is 'Perseverance' and worship time in school will focus on this.

In English this term, we will be reading the book 'Shackleton's Journey' and learning all about Ernest Shackleton's expeditions in Antarctica. We will be writing letters, newspaper reports and focusing on our editing skills using a dictionary and thesaurus to up level our writing.

In History, we will be learning all about the Victorian era and what life was like in Britain during this period. We will be considering the Industrial Revolution and its impact as well as Queen Victoria and the significance of her reign.

### Home Learning

Homework this term will continue to focus on spellings, reading and maths. Homework will go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday** (as before). The first homework of the term will go out on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Maths

For Maths home learning, children are expected to complete the task set; this will be related to the work the children have learnt in lessons. The homework will be differentiated and the children can choose the level they wish to complete. Please encourage the children to challenge themselves but to also work as independently as possible.

### Reading

Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 15-20 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you.

### Spellings

We will be testing children on weekly spellings every **Friday**. The spellings will be posted on Showbie each week and will be linked to Y5/6 spellings. The children will be able to use an online platform called Spelling Shed to practise their spellings this year. Spelling Shed is a scheme designed for pupils to practise their weekly spellings online via the use of the web link <https://play.spellingshed.com> which is free of charge and/or can be accessed via the Spelling Shed App. I will email a 'Parent Guide for Spelling Shed' and upload this to Showbie. Children will get their first set of spellings sent home on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Showbie

Once again, we will be using Showbie to communicate information for parents including spellings, newsletters etc. To join the Class 5 Showbie page, please enter the code: **TF7AE**.

### General Reminders

**PE:** This term PE will move to a **Wednesday** so please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school each week.

**Forest School sessions:** **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

**Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit! 😊**

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Mr Hockaday