

Year 5 Newsletter Term 2 2020

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Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Half Term. We can't wait to get started on our new topic 'Antarctic Adventures', so here's what's in store for your child this term:

Curriculum Information:

English: We will be following Ernest Shackleton and his crew: writing stories about journeys and also creating persuasive letters, and imagining that we were part of the ill-fated expedition that sailed to the Antarctic.



Guided Reading: This Term we will be working from the book 'The Polar Bear Explorers Club' by Alex Bell. This fantasy fiction story should be really entertaining, and the children will be learning inference, retrieval and deductive skills accordingly.

Maths: The children will be learning about Multiplication and Division.

Science: We will be investigating 'Forces' and the different types of forces that are around us.

PE: This term, we will be perfecting our football skills as well as developing our dance techniques.

Art: We will be researching and imitating the style used by Monet to create our own Antarctic landscapes.

Topic: We will be researching Antarctica itself but also finding out about the animals and creatures that live in this challenging environment.

Computing: This Term we will be learning how to use MS Excel. We will be collecting data and presenting it into bar graphs and other similar representations. This will be linked with our Antarctica Topic.

PSHE: We will be developing strategies to help us with good communication. We will also cover aspects of e-safety this term too.

RE: We will be studying Christianity, focussing on Jesus and whether he was the Messiah?

French: Quelle est la date aujourd'hui? The children will be learning about the days of the week and months of the year, as well as learning to describe the weather.



Reading at home:

Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from reading with you at home as much as possible in order to build confidence and fluency. This includes lots of 'book talk' e.g. what the characters think and how they feel, what will happen next etc. We hope that each child will be able to read at least 3 times each week and that their reading record is returned to school signed by an adult.

We will continue to reward those who read on a regular basis.

P.E. is on **Friday afternoons** this term. Please could you ensure your child comes to school dressed in their P.E kit and that it is appropriate for the weather; we will go outside come rain or shine! **Please remove earrings on these days.**



Term 2 Home Learning:

Please be aware that this Term's Homework has been uploaded to each respective Year 5 class's Seesaw page. In the message (inbox) section, you will find the various activities we have asked the children to complete this Term. Please upload your child's work as and when it is completed and we will share their work with the class accordingly. Thank you for your continued support.

How can you further help at home?

Times tables,
Reading,
Spelling games,
Playing board
games etc



Water bottles:

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. This should contain water only, no juice or squash please. Thank you.



Clothing:

Please continue to make sure all items of your child's clothing have their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit. Thank you!

