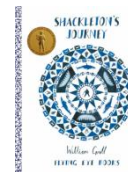


Year 4 Class Information Term 2

Please find some useful information about our routines and our curriculum this term, to help you help the children make the most of their learning.



English: This term our texts will be 'Shackleton's Journey', 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'Who was Earnest Shackleton?'

We will be focusing on writing a journal and a newspaper story of Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica, learning new vocabulary associated with the story to help our writing. We will be doing some descriptive writing inspired by the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, as well as some poetry about the Northern lights.

Mathematics: In term 2 we will revisit the addition and subtraction we have been working on whilst moving onto measurement – converting m to cm / mm to cm and vice versa. We will be learning about km and adding / subtracting lengths. We will also build on the work we started in year 3 on perimeters.

Then we will move onto a focussed block of work on multiplication and division – times tables facts – both the times and division sums in each table. We will begin to learn how to use our tables in problem solving.

History: We will be learning about the importance of some polar explorers, discovering the key events of Shackleton's famous expedition, mapping his journey, finding out how he survived, learning about resilience and courage and the landscape discovered.

Geography: In our geography lessons this term we will be finding out where the polar regions are, the climate zones of the world and we will compare the human and physical geography of the poles to the UK / Egypt. We will learn the vocabulary of the icy tundra e.g. permafrost, glaciers, ice flow, caps and shelves.

Science: We will be focussing on the polar regions – what is a living organism and how living things adapt to live in the polar regions. What is a good insulator?

Computing: We will be developing our coding skills, such as solving problems, testing, debugging, improving and evaluating.

Art: We will be designing and making a polar diorama with 3d and moving parts.

PE: Icy frozen dance (in class with Mrs Harvey on Thursdays) and basketball with Elite on Fridays.

Music: We will be listening to some orchestral music, creating art-work, poetry and music inspired by a piece of orchestral music, listening and reflecting on a work for orchestra and performing as an ensemble.

French: Recap family and learning French words for animals.

RE: What is the Trinity and what does it mean to Christians?

PSHE: Celebrating difference- we will talk about first impressions & opinions & acceptance.

Home Learning:

Reading-15 mins 5 x a week. Change finished reading books Monday, Wednesday, Friday or when needed.

Spelling-6-8 words per week with an activity.

Maths—TTRS

Topic- see choice grid

Useful Dates: PE days: Thursday & Friday – please come to school wearing PE kit

16.11.20 – Inspire day – Diwali

8.12.20 – KS2 Christingle

9.12.20 – Christmas jumper day / Christmas dinner

11.12.20 - Year 4 Family Worship – sent to you via dojo (due to Covid-19 restrictions)

16.12.20 – Topic home-learning to be submitted by this date

17.12.20 –Christmas party in class (dress code to be confirmed) – children's last day in school

18.12.20 - INSET