**Summer 1 Term Newsletter Year 6**

**English**

This term we shall begin to explore the non-fiction text of Shackleton’s Journey. This will provide a close look at non-fiction writing and will allow us to write a range of texts including; Diary entries, persuasive texts and non-chronological reports. This text draws on a range of cross-curricular features such as History and Geography.

**Maths**

We will be focussing primarily on Shape and Angles. When looking at shape we will be focussing on the area and perimeter of triangles and parallelograms. During our coverage of Angles we will be looking at angles around a point, opposite angles and angles on a straight line. We will be preparing for our SATS by recapping lots of key skills from the whole of KS2. The children will gain the opportunity to develop problem solving skills and reasoning skills as well as secure their fluency.

**P.E.**

We will be taking advantage of warmer weather to introduce athletics. This topic will involve running, throwing and jumping activities. We will be investigating the difference between straight line running and running on a bend. We will be exploring passing a baton and how to know which leg to take off and land with.

**Science**

During science this half term we will be focusing on Cells & reproduction This topic allows us to get a closer look at cells and different reproductive cycles of different animals including humans. We will explore key questions such as ‘Why do birds lay eggs?’ and ‘What are specialised cells?’



**PSHE**

Year 6 will be focusing on relationships. This unit will have a strong focus on mental health and how that can cause difficulties in relationships. We will also explore love, loss and power in relationships.

**R.E.**

This half-term we will be looking at the key question ‘Why is there suffering?’ Interpreting and exploring different sources of wisdom and beliefs about why there is suffering in the world. Children consider their own and others’ ideas using critical thinking skills.

**Music**

This unit builds upon the musicianship skills developed last year in Exploring Pop Music 1. Children will listen, move and play to recorded music and will be part of class ensemble performances of two pieces of popular music, using the glockenspiel, un-tuned percussion and the singing voice. Through songs and musical games, children will discover some of the elements used in a variety of pop songs and will apply this to their group ensemble activities. Children will study in more detail two pieces of popular music from contrasting eras.

**Computing**

We will be taking a closer look at spreadsheets and using different information to gather data. We will learn about formatting spreadsheets, sorting information and creating charts to get the best out of our data.

**Humanities**

Year 6 will be continuing to have an in-depth look at History. Our next topic to focus on is Twentieth Century Conflict. During this we will have a closer look at the different factors that contributed to World War 2. We also will be looking at Hitler’s rise to power. Our key question will be ‘Could World War 2 have been avoided? ‘