

## Interesting ways to support learning

It would be fantastic to visit the Pitt Rivers museum in Oxford to look at artefacts from the Ancient Mayan civilisation.

You could google Al Sylvester and Ernest Shackleton to find out more about these inspiring adventurers.

## Topic Launch

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January we will be launching our topic with a visit from Al Sylvester MBE.

Al is a very well -known RAF Mountain Rescue Service leader who as well as being involved on over 400 rescue operations, has adventured to the extremes of the planet, including the South Pole.

## HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Please take a look at our new website and in particular the **Home Learning page** where you will find useful websites and spelling resources to support your child's learning at home.

**Reading:** It is vitally important that you read with your child every day. Children are welcome to borrow books from the school library which you can read with them. You could also read the news on your phone, websites and whilst out and about. The more they read, the better they will be able to access the curriculum in school. There are suggested book lists in the form of tube and road maps on our website (home learning page).

**Maths:** 'Times Table Rockstars' is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log- in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

**Year 6** – please encourage your child to continue to work through their **SATS workbooks**. If they need any support, they should bring their books into school to ask the class teacher.



What an adventure!

Upper Key Stage 2 Team



## TOPIC OVERVIEW TERM 3

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break. Our whole school topic this term is What an Adventure!

During the Spring term, we will be going on an exciting adventure into the past to find out more about the discovery of the ancient Mayan civilisation. This will link with our literacy topic. We will also be finding out about the amazing adventures of Ernest Shackleton who led a number of British expeditions to the Antarctic.



## THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

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| <b>English</b>                 | This term we will be Writing to Inform including writing explanation texts and biographies.  |
| <b>Maths</b>                   | <p><b>Maths</b><br/>The children will continue to be taught in separate year groups.</p> <p><b>Year 5</b><br/>Multiplication and division, fractions, area and perimeter.</p> <p><b>Year 6</b><br/>Multiplication and division, Order of calculations.</p> <p>On Wednesdays, the children will be taught in their classes and these lessons will be on shape and statistics.</p> |
| <b>Science</b>                 | Blood and the Circulatory system.  |
| <b>Design &amp; Technology</b> | Textiles – Mayan design.   |
| <b>History</b>                 | We will be studying the Ancient Mayans. We will be finding out about where and when this lost civilisation occurred and what it would have been like there.  |
| <b>PE</b>                      | 5/6N – Swimming & Dance<br>5/6AB & 5/6AJ Real Gym & Hockey<br>We will also be running Active 30 sessions three times a week in the morning.  |
| <b>French</b>                  | Hobbies, Likes/Dislikes, Mayans, Telling the Time, Tenses.   |
| <b>Music</b>                   | Mayan Music morning  |
| <b>Computing</b>               | Website Design   |
| <b>PSHE</b>                    | Link to the School Vales of CARE. We will be focusing on RESPECT.  |
| <b>RE</b>                      | Worship  |

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

### PE:

The expectation is that the children have their PE Kit in school all week. It should be in school on a Monday morning and go home to be washed on a Friday. Please ensure that PE kit is suitable for the type of activity and is weather appropriate. Their PE kit for this term must consist of:

- A white or house colour t-shirt
- A school rugby top (optional)
- Black/ navy shorts or joggers
- Trainers (many children now use trainers as outdoor shoes and these are fine for PE).

Please note that hoodies are not suitable for PE lessons due to Health and Safety reasons. Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

### Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

### Key Dates:

**Year 6 IMPS:** (see separate emails)

Group 1: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Group 2: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**Panto** : 20th January (in school)

**Non-uniform day** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January (to fundraise for upcoming visitor)

