

Interesting ways to support learning

Can you find out more about different expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic?

What would it have been like to visit that region in Shackleton's time, compared to nowadays?

Topic Celebration Event

Please do come and visit us between 9-10 a.m. on Friday 27th March.

The whole school will be opening up its classrooms once again to show off all the things we have learnt in our **What an Adventure Topic**

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



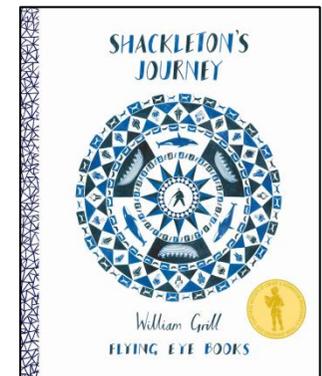
TOPIC OVERVIEW TERM 4

Welcome back – we hope you had an enjoyable half term.

This term we will continue our whole school topic **What an Adventure**, but will shift our focus on to the expedition of Ernest Shackleton to the Antarctic.

This will involve the children finding out more about the geography of the Antarctic and appreciating the incredible journey that took place by Shackleton and his companions back in 1914-1916.

One source of information will be the fabulously illustrated book *Shackleton's Journey* by illustrator William Grill. We are fortunate to have a visit from William on the 5th March where the children will have a day focusing on his artwork.



THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

English	This term we will be focusing on Persuasive writing and creative writing including poetry.
Maths	<p>Maths The children will continue to be taught in separate year groups.</p> <p>Year 5 Fractions, decimals and percentages.</p> <p>Year 6 Division and Fractions</p> <p>On Wednesdays, the children will be taught in their classes and these lessons will be on 3D shape and statistics.</p>
Science	Blood & the Circulation System, Healthy Bodies (incl effect of smoking & drugs) Personal Hygiene.
Art	Art Day – with visiting illustrator William Grill
Geography / History	Locational study of The Antarctic, Shackleton's expedition, Antarctic Fact Book.
PE	<p>5/6N - swimming and gymnastics 5/6AB - football and netball 5/6AJ - netball and gymnastics</p> <p>We will continue to run Active 30 sessions three times a week in the morning.</p>
French	Families, Classrooms, B�ethune past and present, tenses.
Music	Soundscapes – linked to STEM week
Computing	Websites
PSHE	Link to the School Vales of CARE. We will be focusing on Enthusiasm.
RE	RE Day: Holi Festival and Forgiveness

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:

- Thursday 5th March - William Grill visit (Art Day) AND World Book Day (Bring in a potato!)
- Monday 9th March - Religious Education morning focussing on the theme of 'Forgiveness' and the Holi Festival (Hindu Education Company)
- 30th March - STEM Week – STEM solves Fairy tales, with a dress up day on Monday 30th March – more details to follow.
- Parent Evenings – w/c 30th March – book an appointment through the office online system.

