

English

This half term we will be exploring the features of diary entries and write our own. Following this, we will look at biographies, linking this to our exploration of Shackleton in our guided reading lessons.

Guided Reading

This half term our focus text is Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. We will use the reading dogs to practise a range of comprehension skills. Children will be asked to produce written outcomes to demonstrate their understanding but will also be involved in lots of verbal discussions to support their developing comprehension.

French

The children will continue to read, write and speak French. We will initially go over somethings learnt previously, such as describing appearance.

PSHE

This half term we will focusing on mental health and well-being as part of our bigger 'Health and well-being' unit. We will learn ways to describe our feelings, understand how choices affect ourselves and others and some techniques to help us deal with them.

PE

There will be two PE lessons each week. Games will be on Tuesday and PE on Wednesday. This half term, our PE focus is Yoga and our Games focus is playground games

Science

In Science, children will be learning to group and classify living things. They will explore animal groups, vertebrates and invertebrates and classifying animals and plants using classification keys. They will also collect and analyse data relating to this topic.

Art

The art unit this half term is 'Drawing: Power Prints'. Children will draw using tone to create a 3D effect, explore proportion and compose mixed-media drawings. Eventually, they will develop their drawings into prints.



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Geography

Our unit this half term is 'Who lives in Antarctica?' We will learn what climate is by looking at significant lines of latitude. Whilst finding out the location of Antarctica, we will describe the physical and human features of it. We will also learn about Shackleton's expedition route to Antarctica and plan a route on a map to conduct an expedition on the school grounds.

Maths

Following the White Rose Maths scheme, the children will be focusing on the following concepts:

- Place value (up to 4-digits)
- Addition and subtraction (4-digit numbers with exchanging)

Times tables and Fluency Facts will continue to be focuses for learning at home. Sumsdog and TTRS will also be used at home and in school.

Computing

This half term children will learn about the internet, by initially exploring networks and what makes up the internet. They will learn how the internet is used to share information, what websites are and who owns the web, whilst considering the positives and negatives associated with the internet.

Religious Education

Our focus this half term is 'Where do religious beliefs come from?'. This is a theology unit, in which they will explore thinking through believing by asking and exploring questions and answers that arise from inside religions and worldviews.

Music

The music unit this half term is 'Ancient China', which focuses on pitch and reading and writing notation. They will take part in a variety of composing, performing and singing tasks, all inspired through exploration of ancient Chinese music.