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Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

The children will continue to have PE on a Tuesday, please come dressed in PE uniform.

Reading books can be changed any day once the book has been read five times. Thank you.

Key dates

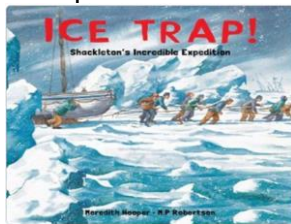
Spring Term 2 begins – 19th February

Last day of term – 27th March

INSET Day – 28th March

Reading

This term the children are going to be exploring the true story of Ernest Shackleton's epic attempt to make the first crossing of the continent of Antarctica. When his ship gets trapped in the ice, his adventure turns into a battle to stay alive and escape. His tale of endurance and perseverance against all odds is retold in the book *Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition* by Meredith Hooper.



Writing

This half term we continue to apply our Talk for Writing approach using the text 'How to trap a dragon' and a short diary extract. The children will complete instructional writing linked to 'How to trap a dragon' and a diary entry also. The children will also be completing daily spellings using the ELS scheme and will continue to practise their punctuation and grammar within their writing lessons.



Maths

The children will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and calculate using multiplication (\times) and division (\div) signs. They will solve problems using arrays, mental methods, repeated addition, and ' \times ' and ' \div ' facts, including problems in context. They will also recognise odd and even numbers. The children will then learn about length and height using cm and metres, before using the four operations to solve problems.



Science

In science the children will be learning all about materials. They will explore different types of materials, discover what their properties are, and why it make them good for particular jobs. We will also learn the difference between opaque and translucent.



Geography

In geography the children will continue to learn about Antarctica. They will learn about Ernest Shackleton and other explorers of Antarctica. This knowledge will help them to answer our big question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?'



RE

This term in RE the children will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover. They will learn about the prophet Moses, where the name Passover comes from, what the Jewish Exodus was and how Jewish people celebrate Passover.



PE

In PE this term the children will be learning athletics. They will learn how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. They will also develop their balance, agility and coordination.



Music

The children will learn about pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will learn that music has a steady beat, is made up of long and short sounds known as rhythm, and high and low sounds known as pitch. They will practise combining these elements through playing the recorder in a variety of musical compositions.



PSHE

This term in PSHE the children will learn about what helps them to stay safe. They will identify what helps them to stay safe at school and outside including on roads. They will explore what risks exist in different places, what signs help to keep them safe and how they can be safe in the sun.



Homework

Homework will continue from our books, given and returned every Friday.

Suggested books for reading

