

Geography

In 1914, Ernest Shackleton made his third trip to the Antarctic with his ship, Endurance, planning to cross Antarctica via the South Pole.

We will be kick starting this topic with a survival day on **Tuesday 20th February** so the children can get a taste of what Shackleton and his men experienced.

In Geography lessons, the children will be locating areas of the globe such as the Arctic and Antarctic circles. They will be exploring different climate zones on our planet.



Science

The children will learn to recognise the differences between solids, liquids and gases, as well as thinking about what temperature is and how it can change the state of a material.

English

Our first writing topic this half term will centre around Survival Day. The children will write a detailed recount of their experience, describing all the new survival tactics they have learnt.

The children will then develop their story writing techniques and will have a go at writing their very own warning story.

YEAR 4 SPRING 2 - CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

ICE TRAP - SHACKLETON'S EXPEDITION

Maths

This half term, the children will be learning all about division, including dividing with remainders. They will be applying their learning to word problems, too.

They will then be learning all about units of measurements such as metres and kilometres and converting measurements.

As always, we are encouraging the children to keep up with their TTRockstars practice and appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Reading

Fiction
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis.



We're taking the opportunity this half term to try an old classic! It's cold, it's magical and it's fantastic fun! It's not quite Antarctica, but you'll still have to wrap up warm!

Non-Fiction

Ice Trap—Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper
You wouldn't want to be on Shackleton's Polar Expedition by Jen Green
Shackleton's Journey by William Grill

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Every child has the right to an education.



Computing - Scratch Programming

The children will be learning to use Scratch to create animations based on Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition.

Physical Education

In school, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills and practising their football skills.

Music

The children will be learning all about rock and roll and will be learning to sing using correct breathing techniques.

Religion and World Views

The children will continue their learning about special journeys, namely Hajj. They will then explore themes of forgiveness in the Bible, using the Easter story as a basis.

French

We will be learning how to talk about different types of clothing, as well as practising our reading in French.

PSHE - Healthy Me

The children will be learning all about leading a healthy lifestyle.

Homework

English and Maths Homework

- Set every **Thursday** to be handed in (or completed online) on the following **Wednesday**.
Homework for English will be on Atom Prime one week and their green homework books the next, and maths homework will be online on Atom Prime. A paper homework will also be available for maths if required.
Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Spellings

- Weekly **spellings** are set on a **Friday** in the children's diaries, with **4 good quality sentences** to be written in their pink spelling books. Spelling homework is due in the following **Friday**.
- The test will be the following **Thursday**



Times Table Rockstars

- 10 minutes a day**

Home Learning—due in week of 25th March
For this half term's home learning, we would like the children to create an Antarctic Survival Kit. They could either gather the equipment together or draw and label a diagram. More details to come during the half term.