



Where children come first

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Upper Key Stage 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Y5/6 families,

Welcome to the autumn term! It is great to welcome the children back into school and we can't wait to get going with our learning!

Autumn 1 - 'To the ends of the Earth' How is life on the ice?

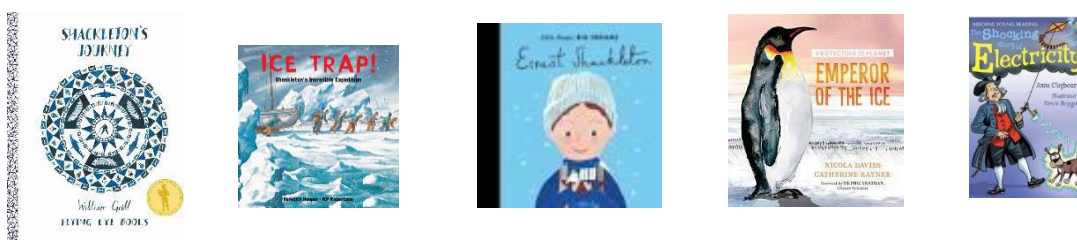
We begin with one of our favourite topics - Antarctica! We will be learning about where it is in the world and what it is like there. We will also learn about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition on the ship Endurance. I am delighted that we will all be having a morning on Zoom with Al Sylvester MBE. He led the RAF's first unsupported attempt to the South Pole. He is a fascinating speaker who will have the children on the edge of their seats listening to his story.

Autumn 2 - 'Scintillating circuits' How do the lights on my Christmas tree work?

Our topic after half term is a science based one 'all about electricity'. As well as exploring how electricity works, we will be creating a Christmas card that lights up, thinking about electrical safety and learning about key people linked with electricity. It promises to be a high voltage, fully charged unit!

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this term to support our learning.








Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week, but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is important that the children get into good habits with home learning as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



<p>Regular Reading. Your child will have a reading book that they bring home with them each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children, or you, make at least 3 entries into their Reading Record so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.</p>	
<p>Regular Times Tables Practice All of the children in Year 5 and 6 have taken the Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4 and everyone worked really hard towards it. In order to stay secure with times tables, we know that it is important to revisit them often. TTRockstars remains a fantastic way for them to practise.</p>	
<p>Learning Spellings Each child will be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists, which will be given in their yellow spelling book which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p>Rollama Rollama is a fun and motivating platform to practise grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling. Children can log on to their account at home and work their way up the leaderboards each week as well as looking after their own pet llama!</p>	
<p>Learning by Questions Each child will have regular access to this learning platform via their Chromebook in school. They will use this to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Individual learning tasks will be set at various times throughout the term. If your child can complete these at home, it would really help with their learning.</p>	

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school, do well at times tables or at Rollama, and 'level up' in Reading Plus. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

5SH	Thursday and Friday
5JG	Thursday and Friday
5CD	Thursday and Friday

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6KG	Monday and Thursday
6JG	Monday and Tuesday
6LS	Monday and Tuesday

How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We look forward to welcoming you into school in November for Parents Evening. Letters and updates will be emailed and the website is regularly updated too.

We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us but we know many Year 5 and 6 parents do not regularly drop off or collect their children so please call or email the office to contact us if you need to.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sweeney (Year 5&6 Lead) and the UKS2 Team.



Mrs Sweeney



Mrs Gudgeon



Mr Griffiths



Mrs Douglas



Mrs Hill



Mr Gallacher



Mrs Holmes



Mrs White

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