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Year 5 & 6 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Families,

It has already been a busy few weeks since we welcomed everyone back after summer and I am delighted that we have had such a positive start to the year! As you will know, Year 6 began the year with 3 days at our residential centre Robinwood – what a way to start! We had a fantastic time. Year 5, we are busy organising your trip for next year and you will have the first letter about it with you soon.

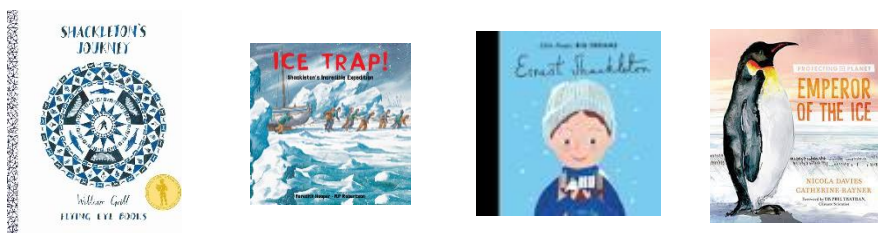
How is Life on The Ice?

We are all enjoying our topic for this half term. We have been learning about Antarctica, where it is in the world and what it is like there. We are also learning 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 and I know we will be fascinated to hear his story.



Class texts

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



Autumn 2




Our topic after half term is science based called 'Scintillating Circuits' and our Big Question will be 'How do the lights on my Christmas tree work?!'

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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 really important that the children get into good habits with home working as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

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| <p>Regular Reading. Your child should have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children or you make at least 3 entries into their reading records 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. TT Rock Stars remains a fantastic way for them to practise.</p> |  |
| <p>Learning Spellings Each child should be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists for year 5 and 6 which will be given in the yellow spelling books which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</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 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.





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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 with any queries or worries you/your child may have.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any issues.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sweeney (Year 5&6 Phase Leader) and the UKS2 team.



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