



India

Spring 1
January 2019

What we are currently learning:

In English we are reading 'Shackleton's Journey' which is about Ernest Shackleton and the journey he made to Antarctica. As well as linking with our topic on Antarctica it reveals facts about Shackleton. We will write a persuasive interview, speech and a newspaper report about his journey. We will also look at some diary writing based on this.

In maths we are continuing our work on calculations. We have worked on addition and subtraction and will be moving onto multiplication and division next. Knowing number facts is very important. A thorough knowledge of times tables underpins this unit. We are continuing our weekly times table test on a Friday.

How you can help:

Practise number facts at home such as adding 2 single-digits numbers quickly. Check you can double and halve numbers.

Practise times tables at home.

Read as often as possible. The children will benefit from reading to an adult and being asked questions about what they have read.

Help your child to learn their spellings. Encourage them to practise writing.

Our English focus:

We will be reading a book called Shackleton's Journey and we will use this to write a newspaper report

Our Maths focus is:

Our main focus is on calculations. We will move onto multiplying and dividing. Times table knowledge is key.

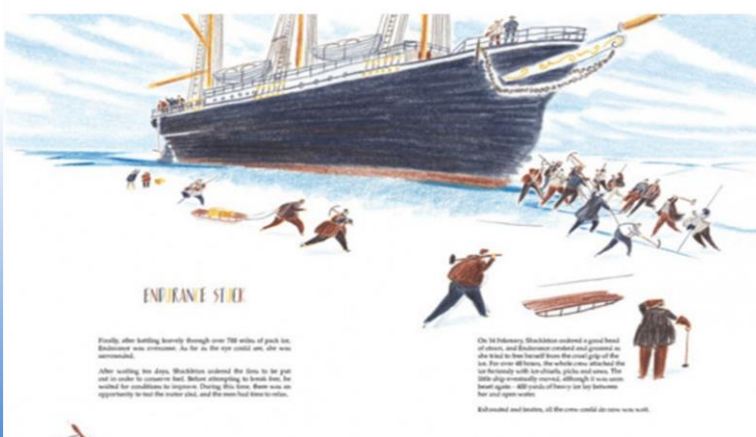
Our Science focus:

In science we are looking at 'states of matter' by learning about solids, liquids and gases.

Topic

Our topic is 'Antarctic Adventure' and we will be learning about expeditions in history to Antarctica, with a focus on Shackleton's journey. We will learn where Antarctica is and find out about the position and significance of the Antarctic Circle.

In PE we will study a dance unit based on the theme of Antarctica.



Information about our class:

Homework is given out on Fridays and is due back on the following Thursday. This will consist of spellings, maths and times table practise.

Please return reading books and records daily. Please write a comment about your child's reading. We read daily in class so having their reading book every day is very important.

Swimming is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please help your child to remember their swimming kit every Tuesday. Keep looking on Seesaw for updates and examples of your child's work.

Dates:

Monday, 14th January - Road safety training

Monday, 4th February - Visit to Square Chapel

Thursday, 14th February - Class trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday, 15th February - School closes

Monday, 25th February - School reopens