



Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024

Topic

The Year 6 topic this term is Frozen Lands. This will be linked to the book Shackleton's Journey. We will be taking the opportunity to look at climatic bands and biomes, the geographical features of the polar regions of Earth as well as looking at how animals and humans have adapted to living in such a harsh climate.

We will create artwork based on the work of a number of artists including some who are artists in residence at some of the polar research stations!



reading plus

Home Learning

CENTURY

purple mash

In Y6, children are provided with weekly homework. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading and Century. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 6 Share Point.

Maths

In maths, the children will revise formal methods for the 4 rules of number and apply these in reasoning and problem-solving situations. We will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages so that we can order and compare them. Mrs Rule will continue to work on geometry and algebra with the children in her weekly session.

In addition to this we will complete a short session on arithmetic daily which will cover a wide range of mathematic areas. Rapid knowledge of timetables is crucial- please encourage your child to work on these if they are not secure.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home at least 5 times a week for at least 20 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading records. Reading Records will be checked weekly. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. A grid of additional activities will be provided for children to complete in their reading records. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week.

English

In English, our work will be based on the book Shackleton's Journey by William Grill where we will produce writing in a number of genres. We will be using our persuasive skills to write a formal application letter to Shackleton to secure passage on his ship The Endurance, create a set of complex instructions and write non-chronological reports on one of the creatures that we discover on our voyage.



Science/DT

In Science, our focus this term is 'Living Things and their habitats'. We will be looking at plant and animal classification, Carolus Linnaeus' work on the development of a classification system and also micro-organisms.

Other Subjects

Y6 will be doing French weekly and will also be covering aspects of art, DT, music and PSHE over the following half term.

Computing

In Computing, we will be using spreadsheets to explore probability, we will create our own spreadsheets and will use these to plan a fictional school event so that children are able to understand how spreadsheets can be used in every day life and in the workplace,

P.E.

Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On these days, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. **If children are unable to participate in PE for any reason we ask you to contact school via email or write a note to the class teacher.**