

## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Year 6 – Spring Term 2 2024

#### English

In English, we will be continuing our writing based on Shackleton's famous expedition to the frozen south! This will include applying for a role on the Endurance, writing letters home and also journal extracts in role as a crew member. We will be also revising our grammar knowledge, so be prepared at home for the children correcting you!

In guided reading, we will be analysing a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetic extracts and applying our inference, retrieval and clarification skills to answer questions about these texts. The texts we have selected for these sessions are highly recommended for year 6 children, so please ask your children what they have been reading in class!

#### Maths

Our daily maths sessions this half term will be learning about decimals and percentages. We will also be revising elements of maths such as measure and statistics. Alongside these shorter units, we will also be revising and embedding our knowledge of calculation in number, fractions and using these strategies to problem solve and reason.

## Topic – Extreme Climates

#### Other Information

##### PE Days –

Please check they have suitable PE kit in school from Monday to Friday as days may change due to hall use. Please have clothing for all weathers in case we need to do PE outside and that all items are named clearly. If your child has long hair, please ensure they have a hair bobble to tie it up.

**Water Bottles** - Drinking water regularly throughout the day hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school.

**Reading Books** – We check your child's reading journal daily. Please encourage your child to complete their reading log with evidence to show their reading. Our library is open before and after school if your child needs to change their book.

#### Home learning:

Your child has now been given a set of maths revision books. We will continue to provide weekly maths or English homework to focus this revision. We will not be sending out the usual home learning grid for this half term as SATs are on the horizon and we don't want to overload your children with home learning and expectations of revision. We are expecting them to select areas of maths, from the revision book, that they want to improve and practise. We will be looking at these books to see how their revision is going. Little and often is best! Please support your children with revision so that their confidence is built and any anxieties about 'wobbly topics' are hopefully alleviated! If children want to bring in and share exciting projects or experiences they have done then we would love to hear all about them! If you have any concerns please let us know.

#### Our learning during this unit will include....

**Science** – In science this half term, we will be continuing our 'sound' unit by learning about how sound travels.

**Geography** – In geography, we will be continuing to study climate change and its effects, undertaking an enquiry which leads us through some of the physical effects of climate change and how it affects people's lives around the globe.

**Computing** – This half term in computing, we will be developing and exploring how to use spreadsheets.

**PE** – This half term we will be completing our hockey unit and learning about Basketball.

**RE** – This half term, we will be learning stories about Jesus with key concepts of messages and resurrection.

**Spanish** - This half term we will be learning a range of Spanish adjectives. This learning will then be built into sentence work.

**PSHE** – We will be looking at how the media influences people.

**DT**- This half term we will be using our cooking skills linked to our geography unit of climate change. The children will be making sustainable choices with food, designing and making vegan pizzas.

**Music** – We will be studying music called The Frozen Lands. We will be listening to and appreciating arctic music and learning a song to compose to include the d minor scale.

**Art** – We will be looking at recycling through art.