

Journey Through the Snow

Autumn Term 2

This topic has been primarily designed to develop the children's problem solving skills through a range of activities based around expeditions to successful and unsuccessful expeditions to Antarctica. The children will take on the role of expert explorers in order to complete a series of mini-tasks to help an explorer plan a successful expedition.



History

The children will be learning about the Terra Nova expedition led by the English explorer Robert Scott. The children will learn about the events that took place during the expedition across the South Pole and will use these events to support their writing.

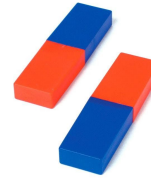
Geography

The children will be learning about the Northern and Southern hemispheres as well as the Arctic and Antarctic circles. They will also be learning about time zones and how night and day differs in the South Pole during summer and winter.



Science

In this topic, the children will be learning about forces and magnets. The children will be learning about the North and South poles on magnets and will be linking this to the Northern and Southern hemispheres of Earth. The children will be using compasses to follow directions using the Earth's poles.



English

During this topic, the children will be developing their letter writing skills. The children will be incorporating research into their writing in order to develop their explanation skills. The children will be corresponding with an 'explorer' to help motivate and inspire their writing.

Maths

This half term the children will then be focusing on developing multiplication and division skills. The children will be developing their understanding of the 3, 4 and 8 times table and will apply this learning to a number of problem solving and reasoning activities.

Computing

During Computing this half term, the children will develop their understanding of how to use internet search engines to find and retrieve specific information. In Online Safety lessons, the children will be focusing on understanding their online image and identity. This will include the children thinking about how their avatars represent their likes and dislikes or personal appearance.

PE

In PE children the children will be completing a range of orienteering activating designed to develop their teamwork and perseverance.



Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework, spellings and times tables. You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial for your child's learning and will help increase their reading stamina.

Reminders

PE: Please can all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Both classes will have PE on Tuesday and Friday.

Library day: We will visit the library as a class once a week. However, they are able to change their book at either break or lunch every day. In Year 3 we encourage the children to do this independently.

- Thursday

Snack: Please remember to send your child with a healthy snack as these are not provided in Year 3.