

# Year 5 Spring News

Term 4 and we are halfway through Year 5 already! Our topic this term is based around Antarctica and the Polar regions. We are hoping to have an Explorer in to speak to the children about expeditions to these colder climates. Details will follow.



## Topics for Term 4

**English:** Our work in English this term will be based around Antarctica. Texts: Ice Trap by Meredith Hooper and M. P Robertson

**Reading:** In school we teach and develop children's comprehension skills, therefore we ask that children, even confident readers who prefer to read to themselves, are heard read aloud at home as often as possible. This does not have to be their school reading book, but anything they or you enjoy (e.g. newspapers, TV guides, leaflets, magazines).

**Maths:** improper and mixed number fractions, volume and measures, statistics, mental maths and times tables.

**Science:** Forces including: friction, air resistance and water resistance.

**History:** we will look at the expedition of Ernest Shackleton.

**Geography:** understanding the climate and environmental changes to Antarctica.

**Music:** appraising and performing a song.

**Design and Technology:** sewing.

**RE:** Christianity – the Easter story.

**PSHE:** dealing with pressures/resilience.

**Computing:** using Scratch to create a game.

**French:** verbs, asking and answering questions.



## Homework

Every pupil has a homework diary. The work set is designed to follow up or revise work in class and to keep you informed of what your child is doing in school.

Your child will receive homework each week (English, Maths, times tables and spellings).

**All tasks will be set on Thursdays.**

**Spellings and times tables will be due in the following Monday;**

**English and Maths tasks will be due in on the Wednesday.**

**Children will also be expected to read 5 times a week and record this in their homework diary. Please ensure this is signed by an adult weekly.**

If children do not understand the tasks set, they should make sure they ask their teacher about it in good time, not leaving it to the last minute. If there is a problem with a piece of homework, please come and talk to us about it.

## **Brain Builder for term 4:**

This term we are giving the children a more specific focus. We would like them to answer the question: Is there life in Antarctica?

## **Stationery:**

Children only require: a blue handwriting pen, a pencil, a 30cm plastic ruler, a red pencil and a green biro pen for lessons (glue stick and dry wipe pens are also used). Therefore we politely request that large pencil cases with accessories and games are not brought into class as they can distract children from their learning. Pencil cases must fit into trays as desk space is required for work books and learning resources. Thank you.



## **PE – Kit and Health and Safety**

We ask that children have appropriate PE kit for their lessons and do not wear any hairbands, jewellery (especially earrings - which should be SMALL PLAIN STUD) or watches. If children do wear earrings, they must be able to remove them by themselves please. If not, it is advisable that they are not worn on PE days. Children with below shoulder length hair should have it tied back.

**Year 5 PE time is on a Tuesday morning.**

## **Polite reminders:**

As per school policy, children may consume fresh fruit/vegetables as a break time snack.

Hair accessories should be purposeful, small and subtle please.

### **Packed Lunches:**

We are a NUT FREE school as some of our children have allergies.

Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any products containing nuts.

As we are also a healthy school, we politely request that sweets are not part of your child's lunch.

Thank you for your  
continuing support

Miss Omer, Miss Jowett,  
Mr. Hardgrave and Mrs  
Smith (HOY).

## **Travelling Book Fair**

### **Monday 27th March – Thursday 30th March**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In March, we are lucky enough to have the Travelling Book Fair in school again. From Monday 27th to Thursday 30th March 2017, the book fair will be open in the main hall between 3.30pm and 4pm. This is a great opportunity to buy new and exciting books for your children to read and also help us to raise money to buy new texts for the children to access in school.

We look forward to seeing many of you there, further details and reminders will be sent home nearer the time.

Miss Capes  
Reading Leader

