

Geography

This half term we will be exploring the equator and the impact this has on the countries in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. We will identify lines of latitude and longitude and use them to locate places on maps. We will also make comparisons between the UK, polar regions and the tropics. Finally, we will learn about different time zones.



PE

PE is on a Tuesday and children will need to come into school in their school PE kit. Please ensure that this is weather appropriate.

This half term we will be developing our skills in netball.

Snowdon class will be swimming every Tuesday this term.



Science

This half term, we will be learning about states of matter. We will investigate solids, liquids and gases and be able to identify their properties. We will also explore heating and cooling and how materials can change their state. Finally, we will investigate evaporation and familiarise ourselves with the different stages of the water cycle.



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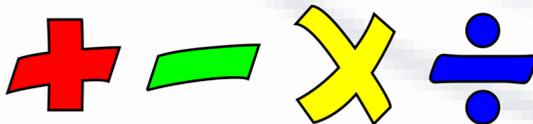
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Maths

This half term, we will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division and we will develop our knowledge of measurement by learning about area. We practise our times tables daily using songs, quick recall games and written sheets.

How you can help at home

- Encourage your child to play TT Rockstars to help with their times tables. They could also play online games such as Hit the Button.
- When you are walking/driving to places, ask your child a range of times table questions.



English

We will be writing a newspaper, adventure story and a Haiku poem. We will be using Shackleton's expedition as a stimulus.

Reading will continue to be taught daily focusing on developing comprehension and we will be using the text 'The Last Polar Bears'.

How you can help at home

- Encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each day and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage your child to practise their handwriting and spellings at home.
- You could find out more about Ernest Shackleton's life or choose another explorer to investigate.



Topic

Our topic for this half term is **Ice Explorers**.

In Art, we will explore the work of William Grill. Then, we will develop our pencil skills using shading, blending and layering to create our own piece of art in a similar style.

In PSHE, we will be learning about health and well-being. This will focus on making choices and staying safe.

In Computing, we will learn to write for different audiences. This will include different layouts and fonts.

In French, we will learn to name different types of transport and say simple sentences to give directions.

