

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 around the world.



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 gymnastics.

Snowdon class will continue to swim on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat on this day. *Umbrellas are allowed but are brought at your child's own risk.*



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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Maths

This half term, we will be learning about area in measurement. We will begin our learning about multiplication and division by exploring times table and division facts in more depth.

How you can help at home

Encourage your child to play on TT Rock Stars and use the 'Maths Frame' website to help with their times tables.

Ask your child to calculate using multiplication and division when preparing meals, shopping or even whilst sharing their sweets!



English

We will be writing a newspaper, adventure story and a persuasive advert. We will be using 'Shackleton's Expedition' as a stimulus.

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

How you can help at home

Encourage your child to read for twenty 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 include exploring emotions, mental health and healthy bodies, including teeth.

In Computing, we will use technology to explore animation and create our own logo.

In French, we will learn key vocabulary linked to shopping and places around the world.

