

Spring 1 in Year 6

English

SHACKLETON'S JOURNEY



William Grill
FLYING EYE BOOKS

We are reading...



This term we will be studying the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. The children will be learning to:

- Write a diary entry for Shackleton's journal giving a narrative account of a significant event.
- Distinguish between the language of speech and writing.
- Recognise vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing, including subjective forms.
- Use passive verbs
- Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses.

Our PE days will be on Tuesdays with Mr Gibbons.

Drumming lessons will be on Wednesdays with Mr Proctor.

Reading

This half term we will be reading the book 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis during Whole Class Reading Sessions.

Please encourage your child to read at home as much as possible as it really does help (this doesn't have to be the book they are reading in school). They could set themselves a goal of a specific number of chapters a day or maybe a 5, 10, 20 or 30 page daily challenge.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths programme of study. We will be continuing with our unit on Fractions (multiplying and dividing) then moving onto Ratio, Algebra and Decimals. We will continue to work on our daily speed tables challenge and build up our fluency with written arithmetic skills.

Please make sure your child is doing their Times Table Rockstars or their Literacy Gold Timestable tutor homework. Knowing times tables automatically really will build your child's confidence with the maths curriculum and especially their work with Fractions, Ratio and Algebra this term.

Other Information

- **Bikeability:** Tuesday 20th January and Wednesday 21st January (please refer to original letter for details).
- **Homework:** Weekly messages will be sent out on School Spider with homework details for the week.
- **Science:** We are looking at things we inherit from our parents. Please send in a photo of your child with direct family members (if possible) by Friday 16th January. If emailing electronic images, please address the email '{Child's name} Science Photographs'.



Science

Evolution

We will be studying Evolution this term.

We will learn to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago

We will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution

There will also be a focus on working scientifically.

Geography

North America

Our topic for Geography is North America. We will be learning about the countries which make up the continent, the climate and the physical and human features within the continent.

RE

Hinduism

We will be learning about:

- Hindu naming ceremonies
- Hindu Weddings
- Hindu beliefs
- Hindu festivals

Computing and MFL

Spanish (Monday afternoons):

Playing and enjoying sport
Intercultural focus: Football and handball in Spain.

Computing: Spreadsheets

PSHE

Keeping Safe

We will be focusing on how we can keep safe. In particular we will look at keeping safe online during Internet Safety Day. We will also be drawing on our knowledge from our Autumn term workshop when thinking about safety in relation to drugs and alcohol.

Art

We will be finishing off our Make do and Mend unit with Mrs Walker and then moving onto Art.

Sculpture:

We will be making clay pots using the coiling method. We will be making links to Stoke-on-Trent, The Willow Pattern and Ceramicists: Clarice Cliff (Art Deco) Emma Bridgewater and Thomas Minton