

Class 5 Newsletter Spring Term 2 2024

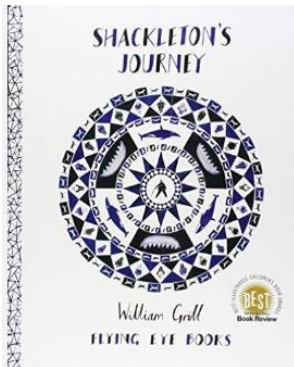
Extreme Earth



Dear Parents,

We hope the children have had a lovely half-term break and that you have been able to spend some quality family time together. We are really excited to get started on this term's topic 'Extreme Earth' which follows on nicely from last term's focus around space.

Our Curriculum



English: We will be focusing our writing and comprehension work around one key text this half term, 'Shackleton's Journey' which is a unique visual re-telling of Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other. We will be using this text as a focus for various reading and writing opportunities. Children will have the chance to write for a range of purposes and in a variety of styles such as to entertain and inform. We will also have discreet grammar and punctuation lessons linked to the genres for writing.

Maths: Key mathematical concepts covered this term include decimals, percentages, perimeter, area and statistics. Children will also be given plenty of opportunities to develop their mathematical reasoning skills.

Please use TT Rockstars to support your child in learning their times tables and division facts. We cannot stress the importance of rapid recall of multiplication facts particularly in regard to the upcoming maths learning.

Geography:

Children will be learning about mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.



RE: We will be looking at the unit 'Salvation' and learning will be centred around answering the question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?'. Pupils will be given the chance to reflect, pose and answer interesting and thoughtful questions surrounding the period of Lent and the events of Holy Week.

Science: In Science this half term, we will continue our learning about the Earth and Space.

DT: The children will be designing and making their own pizzas! We will be in touch with more information about this soon.

PSHE: This half term, on Monday afternoons with Mrs Gough, the class will learn about

- safety & the changing body
 - first aid (bleeding and head injuries)
 - alcohol, drugs and tobacco: making decisions
- Citizenship: breaking the law.

French: We will continue to explore a new scheme in school, called 'Language Angels'.

General information:

A reminder regarding clothing - jumpers, cardigans and coats should be clearly named and brought into school daily please. Could we also remind you about sending in healthy nut-free snacks for break times. Please don't send chocolate, sweets or snacks containing nuts.

PE sessions:

- **THURSDAY & FRIDAY - PE in school:** This will continue to be delivered by our specialised PE coaches. Please could children with long hair bring bobbles, or preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons however, if the children cannot remove them for themselves, we kindly ask them not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please could you send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for the session. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits please.

Please remember we are always here for you and are happy to discuss any concerns and happy news either over Viva Engage or in person. We will be in touch soon regarding details about PGL and we hope Class 5 enjoy the topics this half term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rankin and Mrs Chadbourne