

January '24

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to Red Class

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term and we hope that you have had a wonderful winter break.

Curriculum

For the first half of this term we will be completing our geography topic of Ernest Shackleton's Antarctica. We will be exploring the environment, landscape, human and physical features of Antarctica, the seasons in Antarctica and using our map reading skills to plot the journey. We will look at the why Ernest Shackleton is considered a significant individual, how the expedition was documented, animal skin patterns and landscapes, to name but a few enquiries. For the second half of term we will focus on 'space' as a science theme and will design nutrient rich space food suitable for travelling into space but also used by explorers in harsh environments.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

It is essential to continue with the homework tasks each week. Giving time to support your child's learning really does help them be confident learners in school.

Home Learning: In preparation for Year 6, children will be set the children two home learning tasks per week in the form of a worksheet or set online on Spelling Shed/Maths Shed. This may have a spellings, maths or reading focus to consolidate their learning within class. This will be set alongside reading and will be handed out and collected every Friday.

Reading: Please ensure your child is reading daily. Now that children are older, they may not always want to read aloud to you. However, it is still important to have reading time to check that they have understood what they have read. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading diary so that I can see what types of books they are enjoying, that they are reading age appropriate texts, and help with any difficulties they may be having. Please also indicate the length of time they have spent reading. Alongside reading at home, children will also read to adults in school individually or during guided reading.

Maths: Please continue to use Maths Shed each week. This term, our maths topics are formal multiplication and division followed by fractions, decimal and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics. Knowing their times tables will make these topics more successful for your child.

Spelling: I will be teaching a spelling rule each week and will set work based on this for the children to complete on Spelling Shed. Please ensure your child practises the spellings set each week. Alongside the online games, children may practise their spellings in their home learning book. It is often helpful to write the spelling in a sentence to ensure the meaning of the word is also embedded.

Keeping active: Our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Forest School on a Thursday. As the weather will be variable this term, your child may wish to bring in a pair of black leggings or tracksuit trousers for when the weather is cold. Forest School will focus on making maps and orienteering.

Useful websites:

www.spellingshed.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If you have any further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Miss Anna