

English

This half term we be exploring the story 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill.

We will continue to focus on developing our reading and comprehension skills through a variety of different tasks. Children will deepen their understanding of adjectives by identifying and writing their own expanded noun phrases. They will explore effective vocabulary and different sentence types to help them develop their own writing and draw the reader in. Eventually, they will be given the opportunity to create their very own newspaper report.



Maths

Year 3

- To identify the value of each digit in a three-digit number, up to 1000.
- To use their place value knowledge as they progress onto addition and subtraction, using more formal methods of calculation, adding two- and three-digit numbers.

Year 4

- To identify the value of each digit up to 10,000, before moving onto rounding numbers.
- To calculate addition and subtraction of four-digit numbers, using more formal methods of calculation, including exchanging.

We will also have a key focus on times tables. Times tables are essential for all other calculation work, so this will enable children to then multiply with larger numbers.

Enriching School Curriculum

Centre for Life visit Thursday 10th October. Vicar Nigel will also be visiting school in October.

PE

Children will continue to enjoy two PE sessions per week. In one of the sessions, children will focus on developing their athletic skills, including distance, speed and endurance. Then the other session will focus on ball skills. Children will develop their throwing and catching techniques in isolation and then through the competitive team game of handball.

RE

Our topic this half-term explores the importance of the Bible. Vicar Nigel, from St. Mary's Church will come into school to launch this with the children.



Geography

The Geography topic for this half term is the Antarctic. The children will identify and describe Antarctica's location in the far south of the globe. Before investigating the two main reasons people visit: tourism and research. Then they will explore the equipment and clothes that must be worn there. Finally, we will learn about Shackleton's expedition with his crew onboard Endurance.

Music

This half term, the children will sing, talk and discuss a range of songs using the correct musical language.

Computing

Children will learn the importance of keeping safe online; on all devices and different platforms they access the internet on.

French

This half-term in French, the children will identify the words they need to describe themselves and their families. They will also learn the days of the week.

Science

This half term, we will be busy exploring nutrition and the purpose of the skeletons and muscles. Children will identify that animals, including humans, need the correct types and amount of nutrition to be healthy. In addition, we will learn that some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement and some animals have no skeletons at all.

Art

The children will learn all about the proportions of the face in our unit on portraits, ultimately creating their own. They will explore how portraits have changed over time and in different cultures. As well as use different grades of pencil to create tone and shadow.

PSHE

Across this half term, the children will explore their feelings and emotions as they move into a new academic year. In addition, they will learn that communication with their grown-ups at all times is key.

