

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Year 5 and 6 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. We are very much looking forward to the new term and the build up to Christmas! We will give you details of events later in the term.

Next week, we have Parent Consultations so make sure you have booked an appointment. At these, parents and carers often ask what they can do to support their child with their learning; here are our Top 5:

- *Listen to your child read (or read to them) every day if you can or at least 3 times a week*
- *Help them to practise their number bonds in the Infants or their times tables in the Juniors*
- *Help them practise their spellings*
- *Make sure they come to school every day that they are well*
- *Talk to your child about their day at school - make sure your 'phone is in your pocket at drop-off and pick-up times!*

YEAR 5

This term, in writing, **Year 5** will be adventuring into the story of Ernest Shackleton and his famous expedition to the Antarctic. They will be recapping his journey and stepping into role as captain of the ship and as a crew member. This is an inspiring story and we are confident we will see some fantastic writing from the children as they immerse themselves in the text. In maths, we are currently looking at factors, multiples, primes, squared and cubed numbers, before moving on and applying this knowledge to fractions. Our geography unit is 'Life in the Desert' where we will take the opportunity to look at both the hottest and coldest places on Earth. Our science topic this term is forces - a fun unit where the children test how different forces act upon different objects. In art, the children will focus on painting and mixed media resulting in creating portraits.

YEAR 6

This term, **Year 6** will begin their geography topic on 'Population' and will be looking at how and why populations change.

In English, we will read 'Stormbreaker' to help us write narratives which create suspense and intrigue. The children will learn the characteristics of this 'spy' type genre and will have an opportunity to write their own version of a spy story. In science, we will look at classification and microbes. In computing we will be looking at the importance of Online Safety as well as 'blogging'. In DT, we will create our very own 'Come Dine with Me' whilst focusing on nutrition and learning to cook. In PE, the children will be developing their skills in netball and football. In music, we will be looking at advanced rhythms. In maths, the children will learn to perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers and use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations.

As the term progresses, all of the children will be busily preparing for Christmas and our Christmas Carol performance near the end of term.

Yours sincerely

UKS2 Team