

Dates for your diary:
28.02.20: Spirit of Adventure Day

Year 4 Overview: Spring Term 2 2020

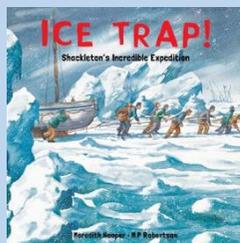
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02.04.20: Parent /Teacher Consultations

English

WRITING: TO ENTERTAIN

Class reader: 'Ice Trap' by Meredith Hooper

We will be continuing with fiction writing, using this retelling of Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica to inspire diary and letter writing. We will be recapping prior learning as well as looking in more depth at tense and person, along with a continued focus on sentence structure.



READING:

THROUGH OUR READING SESSIONS WE WILL FOCUS ON:

- Understanding the purpose, audience and formality of a text.
- Looking at language choices.
- Answering questions based on the text.
- Making informed decisions based on evidence from the text.

SPELLING

Each week we will learn to spell 2/3 words of the National Curriculum year 4 spelling list. Look out for these in your child's homework diary and on Google classroom each week.

VALUES

The Aspiration condition this term is:
Spirit of Adventure

Our Learning skill focus is: **RESILIENCE**

We will be looking at what resilience means, encouraging the children to persevere and try other methods and solutions when faced with a challenge.

Driving Question

How can we survive and thrive in a hostile environment?



Physical Education

In PE and games this term, we will be working with Mr White to continue to develop our fundamental movement skills across a variety of games and sports, with a focus on invasion and bat and ball games.

Our other PE sessions will have a dance and gymnastics focus, along with continuing to work on our 'Personal Challenges' – the children working to improve their personal bests in long jump, howler throw and long and short distance running.

Growth Mindset

The children will continue to face challenging activities, whereby they will continue to develop their growth mindset, understanding that they can't do it 'yet'.



'I'm a child get me out of here!'

This half term, we are putting our survival skills to the test in a topic all about surviving in the wild. We will be recapping and revisiting geography knowledge as well as drawing from other areas of prior learning, such as D&T and science, to embed our learning in to our long-term memory.

We will be revisiting knowledge such as:

- The location of countries, continents and oceans in relation to the hemispheres and equator
- Climate and seasons
- Mountains and volcanoes
- Insulators
- STEM skills to solve problems

Maths

In maths, we will focus on multiplication, division and fractions throughout the term, which includes:

- Using written methods
- Finding fractions of quantities
- Equivalent fractions
- Simple fraction/decimal equivalents.

Through daily arithmetic sessions, we will be focusing on:

- Using written methods for the 4 calculations (+ - x ÷)
- Fractions (adding and subtracting, fractions of a number)
- Working with decimal numbers.

We will also be learning our times tables in daily sessions, and appreciate your support in helping to learn these at home too.

Science

This half term, we will be focusing on living things and their habitats.

In this topic, we will:

- Identify different ways of grouping animals
- Using a variety of methods to classify and group animals
- Explore how animals are suited to specific habitats and the impact environmental changes have on this.

Through experiments and investigations, we will:

- Pose questions and make predictions
- Record and present results
- Draw conclusions



SMSC & British Values

Spiritual: Experiencing and respecting other beliefs.

Moral: Knowing the difference between right and wrong.

Social: Developing leadership, cooperation and teamwork.

Cultural: Appreciating other cultures and what they offer.

Democracy: Developing understanding of different opinions and our right to vote.

One World: Developing harmony between different cultural traditions.

PSHE

Jigsaw: Healthy Me

- Investigate the impact of smoking and alcohol on the body
- Understand what peer pressure is and develop strategies to respond to it.

Creative

This half term will see the children learning:

ART- Pupils will be learning about Andy Goldsworthy and sculpting in and with nature.

MUSIC- The pupils have an exciting opportunity to learn to play the steel drums with Mr Beedie.

DT- With Miss Jordan, we will be enjoying STEM activities and we will be sewing bookmarks with Mrs Turner and Mr Broadbent.

