

This term is flying by, so we hope you enjoy reading about all of the exciting learning that will be taking place in Year 5 this half-term. The children are continuing to blossom in Year 5! As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please feel free to find their teacher at the end of the day for a chat.



## English



Our Reading and Writing this half-term will link to our Geography topic of Arctic Regions. We will start by writing a couple of diary entries from the point of view of one of the crew members who went on an expedition to Antarctica with Ernest Shackleton. Shackleton was an Anglo-Irish Antarctic explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic. We will read about his final expedition, find out how he completed it and the battles the crew faced while they were on the voyage.

In Reading, children shall be developing their strategies for understanding what they have read - our class text is **Shackleton's Journey**.

Children should be reading a variety of material at home as well as at school. All pupils have access to a MyON and Accelerated Reader account. They are welcome to take their Accelerated Reader book home and should complete their quiz as soon as they have finished a book. Books accessed at home and on MyON can also be quizzed on Accelerated



## Maths

We will continue our Maths this half term by looking at calculating with decimal fractions. Children will be challenged to use rounding, addition and subtraction, alongside solving problems using mental and written methods.

Once we have mastered this area of Maths, we shall be moving on to looking at prime numbers, factors and multiples.

Children will continue to practise the four operations to ensure that they can do it back to front, upside down and with their eyes closed. They will also complete daily arithmetic questions each lesson to maintain their mental maths skills.

Children should use Times Tables Rockstars to practise their multiplication tables at home, as well as at school. There are competitions running - you have to be in it, to win it!



## Science

This half term, we shall be discovering all there is to know about **Properties and Changes of Materials**.

We will be comparing different materials based on their properties first, before moving onto reversible and irreversible changes and how they occur.

This is a meaty topic, so we are continuing our learning from last half-term.



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### Geography

Our topic this half-term is **Arctic Regions**.

We will be identifying the countries within the Arctic region, describing and comparing the climate to the UK alongside explaining how people survive that live in the Arctic regions. We will also visit Beamish this half-term to consolidate learning about Victorians.

## MFL

This half-term, we are starting by recapping our numbers to 80 in French.

Our second topic will be revisiting sports and hobbies, which were looked at in Year 4. We will look at different sports/hobby names and be able to explain the ones we like and dislike.

As always, children will have plenty of opportunities to rehearse their French and practise their pronunciation before having a go at a variety of activities.

## P.E



Our P.E days are:

**Monday and Thursday**

Please make sure that your child has their P.E kit at school with them all week. Many P.E lessons will take place outside.

Our P.E units this half term:  
Handball and Rugby

## Diary Dates & Messages

Please add these dates to your calendar.

**World Book Day:**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Trip to Beamish:**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**SKA Exhibition:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Break up:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## Homework

Children will be sent weekly homework on a Friday with activities for reading, maths and spelling. Homework is compulsory and is due the following **Thursday**. Children will be awarded Dojos for handing it in!