

Home Learning

Reading: the children should still be reading daily at home. They need to complete the 5 boxes in their reading record/homework diary. Each Monday I shall check these and the children will receive 1 House Point for every entry.

Homework: A spelling/grammar sheet and a mental maths sheet will be sent home every Friday, which will be due in for the following Friday.

Dates for the diary

3/9— first day back

10/9— Kent tests

11/9— first swimming session

15/9- 2:45 Curriculum meeting

13/10— Parents evening

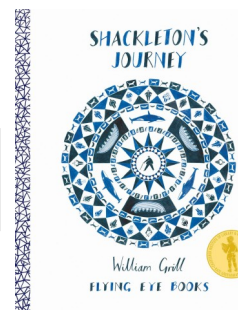
15/10- Parents evening

23/10— Inset Day

Year 5 and 6

Autumn Term 1

Our class text



English

Within our Shackleton's Journey reading unit, we will be focusing on summarising and retrieving relevant information; comparing similar texts; providing a personal response and speculating on the author's intent from their language choices. We will also be looking at a variety of text types, including letters, interviews, poems, news reports and play scripts.

Our first writing unit this term is writing formal letters of application. We will be using the model text to aid in identifying grammatical features and organisational devices, before focusing on the use of formal language choices. We will use persuasive language and organise key points into paragraphs before the students write a letter of application to Earnest Shackleton, requesting a position on his expedition (linked to our reading text.)

The next unit is focused on using dialogue within a narrative. We will explore vocabulary and techniques to describe settings, characters and atmosphere, as well as using the correct punctuation to create an impact. We will then recap using inverted commas correctly, and look at how we balance action, description and dialogue to plan and write a Greek myth.

Mathematics

Place value:

- Roman numerals
- Reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000
- Power of 10
- Partitioning
- Using numberlines
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Rounding

Addition and subtraction:

- Mental strategies
- Adding and subtracting numbers using formal methods
- Using the inverse and finding the missing number

Multiplication and division

- Multiples and factors
- Prime and squared numbers

Science

Our science topic this term is Properties and changes of materials and states of matter. Within this we will be: grouping and comparing different materials and properties; learning that some materials dissolve to create a solution; separating solids, liquids and gases; understanding the difference between reversible and irreversible changes; using our knowledge and understanding to create and justify methods of testing.

Computing—creating media (video)

We will be looking at video production and filming techniques.

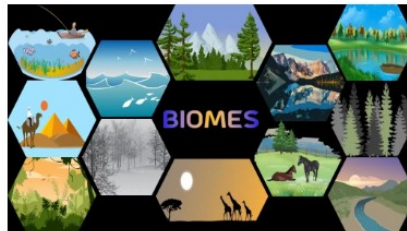
History

Our history topic will be Ancient Greece - a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

We will be looking at evidence based resources and sources to build on prior knowledge and understanding.

RE

This unit explores how many Christians understand the nature and character of God through biblical texts, Christian worship and lived experience. Building on previous learning about Creation, The Fall and God's covenant relationship with humanity, pupils investigate how many Christians understand God to be both **holy** and **loving**, and why these ideas are central to Christian belief.



PE

Friday mornings: swimming sessions with the coaches at Homewood House. (see emails for more details)

Our other session we will focus on rugby.

Spanish (MFL)

This term, Oak Class will develop their Spanish by thinking about themselves and others. We will revisit how to introduce ourselves and give simple personal information before exploring two important Spanish verbs: *ser* and *estar*, which both mean *to be*.

Geography

Our first topic is to locate world countries, biomes and vegetation belts. We will be learning what biomes and vegetation belts are; where they are located and the impact they have on the environment; as well as looking at the human and physical characteristics that define Europe, North and South America.



PSHE

Our first topic is Families and Relationships. This will include looking at different types of relationships, bullying and stereotyping.

Music

Our first topic will be *Living on a Prayer* by Jon Bovi.

Art

Our first unit will be Drawing and Painting. This will include: learning about subtractive drawing; looking at the work of Hundertwasser; combining different drawing techniques as well as creating their own abstract landscape.

DT

Our first unit is Food and Nutrition. We will be looking at the importance of nutrition as well as studying the diets of other cultures. We will then be preparing and cooking flatbreads and Smorrbread.