



Year 6 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

YEAR 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely holiday and you are as excited as we are about the year ahead. We hope this half term's new topic, 'Life on the Edge', will be just as interesting as the last one! We have lots of engaging learning planned for the children and we hope that they will continue to share their learning with you through discussions at home.

Miss Maylon, Mr Barnshaw, Miss Akdogan and Miss Adesina

REMINDERS

All children must bring their PE kits into school every week. They can bring their PE kits in on Monday and take them home on Friday.

We do not recommend that children under the age of ten walk home alone. However, if you would like them to do so, you must sign and return a school form. Please contact the office for more details.

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform every day. See the school website for further details.

IMPORTANT DATES

12th January
Friend Vs Friendly
(Gang workshop)

19th January
Careers Morning

29th January
The Reach Climbing
Centre
6AB at 9:00am
6DM at 10:00am

30th January
The Reach Climbing
Centre.
6TA at 9:00am
6MA at 10:00am

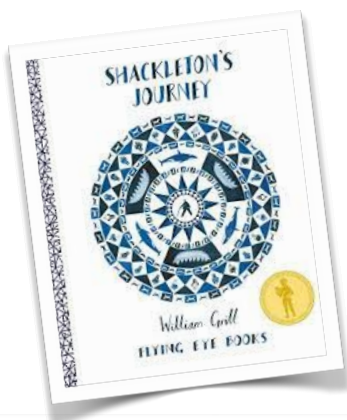
5th - 9th February
Children's Mental
Health Week

TOPIC FOCUS: MOUNTAINS AND EXPLORERS- LIFE ON THE EDGE

This half term our topic is Explorers. Within this gripping topic, the children will learn about mountain and Arctic explorers and develop their artistic, musical, historical, computing and geographical skills. They will plan, film and edit their very own video documentaries using iMovie and on completion of these projects, they will hold a showcase for their classmates. In Science, we will be learning about how plants and animals are classified and we will carry out our own investigations using our scientific enquiry skills.

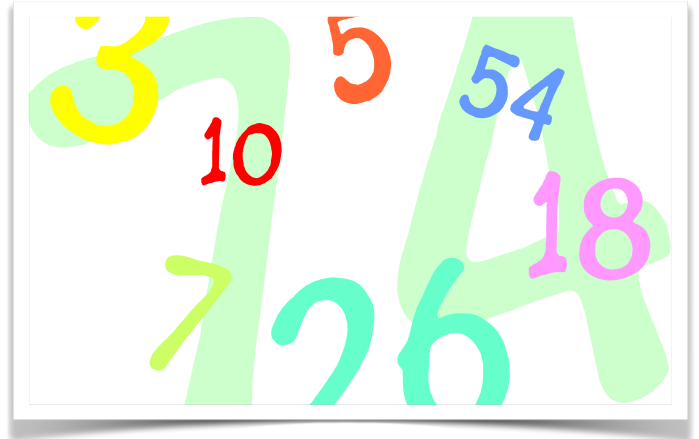
English

In English, our book for the half term is 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. This is a true story of how Ernest Shackleton and his crew survived crossing Antarctica and complements well with our topic of 'Life on the Edge'. We will take on the role of one of Shackleton's crew members and write a diary entry of our experience. We will also write motivational speeches to boost morale of our fellow crew members. In addition to this, we will write our own newspaper article about how the crew were rescued.



GROUPS

In order to support learning, pupils may be taught in groups for maths and reading. Additional small group teaching will take place as needed to support your child's progress.



Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will continue to build on our arithmetic skills, ensuring that children can choose the appropriate method for the numbers involved in the calculation involving fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move onto learning about units of measure and how to solve measurement problems. We will also build upon our knowledge of area and perimeter. After this, we will learn to collect data and present it to others, using a range of charts and graphs.

Please encourage children to practise their timetables at home daily using the Times Tables Rock Stars app. This is a fun and engaging way for your child to practice.

HOME LEARNING

Project homework will be sent via Showbie.

Spellings will be given out weekly on Mondays; children will be tested the following Monday. The spellings can be found on [Spelling Shed](#) - a great website/app that will aid your child's learning.

Please continue to encourage your child to read often and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their assessed book banded book and a novel of their choice.

Times tables is a key focus for Year 6; please continue to practise these regularly. Children should also use Times Tables Rock Stars every day.

