# Welcome back!

# Year Six Class

# Newsletter

# Spring 1 Term 2019



Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable festive period and wish you well for the New Year ahead. Mrs Okon and I would like to thank you for the wonderful presents and cards received at the end of last term. We are going to be very busy over the next half term as we begin preparations for SATs and begin our new themes. We will be covering the following during the next term:

### Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at fractions, including adding and subtracting fractions and multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed number fractions by whole numbers. We will also be working hard at practising our formal written methods in multiplication, division, subtraction and addition.

The children are always improving with their times table knowledge so support with this at home is greatly appreciated.





## English

The book which we will be focusing on this term is 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. During the unit we will be focusing on the use of hyphens and commas to avoid ambiguity, developing our skills in editing and peer assessment and proofreading for errors and spelling mistakes.

#### <u>Theme</u>

Our new theme for this term is 'Let's Go Wild! During this theme, we will be enriching our geographical knowledge of Antarctica by researching the climate, animals and how they have adapted, food chains and Shackleton's Journey. In our Science lessons we will be conducting an experiment thinking about how we can stop ice from melting and how we can keep water frozen In our ICT work we will become digital literacy experts as we explore gender stereotypes in the media and compare and contrast responsibilities in on line and off line peer relationships.

### PE

PE-PE will be held on a Monday and Friday. Children can bring trainers, jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt as long as they are reasonably plain and dark in colour. Due to the cold weather this term, P.E may be in the hall therefore, all children need a pair of pumps in school.

#### Homework:

This term we will be spending time preparing for SATs. It would be helpful if you could make sure your child always completes their homework. They will have Math, Spelling and Grammar or Reading homework sent home on a Thursday to be returned the following Wednesday, along with their termly creative homework.

There are websites that can help with revision at home, these include:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/

www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/O/

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.ttrockstars.com

www.spaq.com

www.readtheory.org

### Class Targets:

Maths: I know how to divide proper fractions by whole numbers.

English: I can mark out separate clauses in a sentence by using a colon or semi-colon

Reading: I show my understanding of what I have read by drawing inferences from the text

### Key dates:

Science Fair -\_29th and 30th January

Parents' Evening: Week beginning IIth February (More details to follow)

Safer Internet Day= 12th February

Break up for half term: Friday 15th February

If you would like any further information about this half term in year four, please do not hesitate to call in before or after school or use the planners as a means of communication.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Peacock & Mrs Okon