



**The Teachers in Year 6 are: Mrs Girling and Mrs Bridgett**  
**The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Webster, Miss Woolley and Mrs Preston**

## Our Topic this Half Term is 'Frozen Kingdoms'

In Frozen Kingdoms, we will learn about the regions of the Arctic and Antarctica. The children will learn about similarities and difference between these two regions, including climate, landscape and natural resources. They will learn how to use grid references, lines of latitude and longitude, contour lines and symbols to identify the geographical locations of the Arctic and Antarctica, and how these, along with the tilt of the Earth, affect day length and warmth. The children will investigate polar oceans to learn how they differ from other oceans on Earth and how climate change increase Earth's temperature and leads to rising sea levels. They will learn about the indigenous people of the Arctic, including how their lives have changed over time, and about the positives and negatives of tourism in Antarctica. They will also learn about classifying animals, animal adaptations and evolution, and polar exploration and discovery.

**English** This half term we will be learning to write an adventure narrative, to entertain and a newspaper, to inform. The texts we will be reading include: Shackleton's Journey by William Grill, Arctic and Antarctica by DK Eyewitness, Polar Regions (Planet Earth) by Steve Parker and Trapped by the Ice By Michael McCurdy

### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

This half term, we're going to learn about the coldest places on Earth. Why not watch a documentary such as BBC Frozen Planet series together? You could also freeze pieces of fruit with fruit juice in lolly moulds to create frozen treats with a hidden surprise. Alternatively, work together to create a snowy collage.

### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Fractions
- Negative numbers
- Addition and subtraction of money and decimals
- Multiplication and division
- Reflections and co-ordinates
- 2D and 3D shapes

### General Reminders:

**PE:** Your child will be doing PE on **Wednesday** (outside) and **Thursday** (inside) each week. Please ensure that your child arrives in school in PE on these days.

#### Homework:

Your child will now be given weekly Maths, English and spelling homework every Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.

#### Reading:

Please continue to share a range of reading materials with your child at home and question them about what they are reading.

#### Water Bottles:

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

**iPads:** Please ensure your child brings their iPad to school every day and charges these at home every evening.

### Useful Websites:

[www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitezise/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitezise/ks2)  
[www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)  
[www.myon.co.uk](http://www.myon.co.uk)

### Spring Dates for your Diary:

08.01.24 Back to school  
05.02.24 Children's Mental Health Week  
06.02.24 Safer Internet Day  
07.02.24 Marvellous Meerkats Class Assembly  
14.02.24 Awesome Alligators Class Assembly  
15.02.24 Last day of the school  
16.02.24 School inset day  
26.02.24 Back to school

### Any other Information

Please ensure your children continues to access websites such as Purple Mash, TT Rockstars and MyOn. They all help to support the learning we do in school.