



What an great start to Year 3! We have had such a successful 7 weeks in Autumn One, learning all about volcanoes and really getting our teeth into our key text 'Escape from Pompeii.' After a nice, relaxing week off, we are now ready to move onto even more fantastic learning as we hit Christmas time at our school, which we are sure will prove another successful half term.

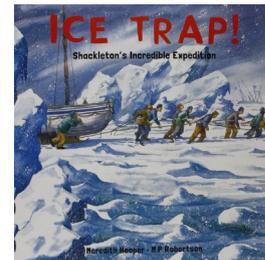
Project

Over this half term, the children are going to be learning about the Antarctic and the famous explorers, Scott and Shackleton, who made treacherous expeditions there! We will be using an atlas to locate Antarctica and learn about it's surrounding oceans. A big focus for us this half term as we look to Christmas time, will be looking at our climate change and the describing the climate in Antarctica. We wonder if you might do some research at home on this fascinating subject?



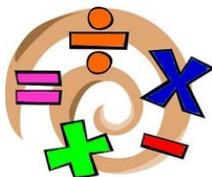
Literacy

Our Literacy learning this half term will again be linked to our project learning and will see the children exploring our key text 'Ice Trap!' by Meredith Hooper. This introduces the children to Sir Earnest Shackleton and his crew's adventure. We will be looking to write some letters home, a message in a bottle and a survival guide, and of course getting a little piece of Christmas writing in there too.



Mathematics

This half term the children will be focusing on the development of a variety of concepts. We will be carrying on with addition and subtraction and then looking into Multiplication and Division. They will be exploring both pictorial and written representations of numbers. The children are going to be exploring these concepts in practical and real life situations so that they can see the importance of why they need to know about it. We are also going to begin consolidating our skills in the last few weeks of term and doing some investigations to test our reasoning skills.



P.E.

As like Autumn Term One, we will be taking part in Forest Schools (run by Miss Smith) where the children will be taking part in outside learning. Miss. Parish's class will have Forest Schools on a Monday and inside PE on a Wednesday. Miss Dean's class will have Forest Schools on a Tuesday and inside PE on a Friday. It is very important that your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) during these days.

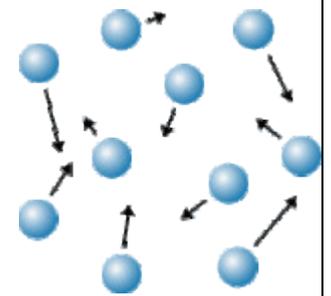


Home learning challenges

Last term we were very impressed by the standard of home learning challenges that children created. Well done to the winners from last half term. This half term's home learning will be based around Antarctica. We will be sending a new piece of art work, poem, song and significant person home to learn about. Again these tasks will be optional. However, KIRFs will be sent out with the new homework and these along with spellings should be practised weekly along with reading at home daily.

Science

This half term we will be learning about chemistry. We will be looking at different chemical reactions and chemical change. We will be continuing to use our Empiribox lessons which focus on practical activities and experiments in the classroom that really bring the science to life. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with green fire and dissect nappies to investigate how liquids can be absorbed and change state.



Reading at home and KIRF's (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The children will be receiving new KIRFs during the first week back which have daily guidance on how to practise the skills. Our prizes this term will be an extra playtime for the year group with the most tickets, as well as an invitation to a summer party with Miss Panziarka. Get reading each week as the more tickets you earn the more likely your name is to be drawn from the Raffle! Remember to earn your golden tickets you need to read once over the weekend and Mon - Thurs in order to be eligible for a golden ticket.



Dates for your diary

02.12.17 - Boat Festival.

15.12.17 - last day of term.

14.12.17 - Christmas Fete!

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Parish and Miss Dean