

Y5 and 6 Autumn 2nd Half-Term Newsletter



The next Imaginative Learning Project in Y5 and Y6 is Frozen Kingdom, where pupils will learn about the planet's coldest lands ... vast wilds, hostile territories, incredibly beautiful yet often deadly.

- Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or pulled

by a team of mighty sled dogs.

- Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an arctic fox; hunting rodents and swift as the wind!
- Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and eco-systems and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights.
- Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly berg that hides deep beneath the Antarctic Ocean.
- So wrap up well everyone and settle by the fire. I'm just going out and may be some time ...

English: Pupils will be studying Non-Chronological Reports; Chronological Reports; Short Narrative; Diaries and Haiku Poetry. **Please support us with reading, by regularly listening to your child read aloud at home and questioning them about what they have read and commenting in their Reading Record. Please also encourage the use of the Reading Plus Scheme at home too.**

Maths: Pupils will continue to develop their fluency and reasoning skills through solving problems in all four operations. Y5 will focus on Multiplication and Division. Y6 will focus on Fractions. **Please support us at home, by practising the four operations and times tables with your child. Please also encourage the use of Times Table Rock Stars.**

Art & Design: Pupils will discover the beautiful artwork of the Inuit, the Arctic's indigenous people.

Computing: Y5 and 6 - (Byte Size & Fun) Maths - Solve It Club.

Design & Technology: Pupils will use cardboard boxes to construct a large scale igloo, finding ways to join boxes sturdily enough for them to support an entrance doorway.

Geography: Pupils will research the similarities and differences of the Polar Regions and plan their own trip. They will then produce a brochure or website page to promote their specialist polar trip.

History: Pupils will find out what conditions were like aboard the 'unsinkable' Titanic. They will also create a timeline to show the history and development of Polar exploration.

Music: Soundscapes – pupils will create a sound track that captures the beauty of the Northern Lights, using a range of everyday objects from around the classroom. Pupils will also be working on their part of our Christmas video.

PE: Y5 Tennis, indoor and outdoor invasion games; Y6 Hockey, indoor and outdoor invasion games.

PSHE: Pupils will explore a controversial or emotive issue, considering both sides of the argument before forming a personal view or opinion.

Science: Living Things and Their Habitats – "Growing up and Growing Old".

Important dates

Children in Need Day: Friday 13th November
PD Day: Friday 18th December, school is closed
PD Day: Monday 4th January, school is closed