

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2022-23



Welcome back to school and to year 6!

Whole School Project- Shackleton

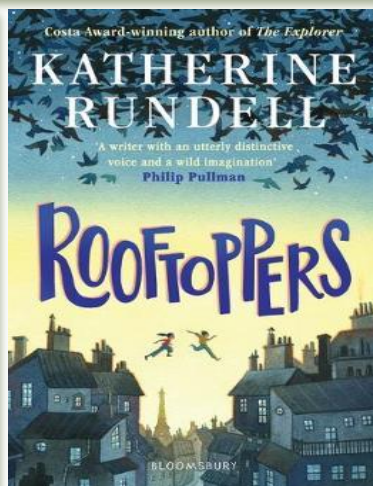
Our whole school project is based on the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Sir Ernest Shackleton is best known as a polar explorer, who was associated with four expeditions exploring Antarctica. As a school, we are mainly focussing on his Trans-Antarctic experience aboard the Endurance (1914-16) that he led, which, although unsuccessful, became famous as a tale of remarkable perseverance and survival. We will be using a range of texts and media to support our research and the children will be producing a range of writing outcomes related to this extraordinary tale.



Rooftoppers

We will also be using the book 'Rooftoppers' to support our reading lessons. This novel, written by the up-and-coming author, Katherine Rundell, tells the story of a young girl and her adventures. Children are reminded that they must return the 'Rooftoppers' text to the school when this term is complete. We will be using a range of carefully chosen texts to support and develop the children's reading ability throughout year 6.



Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the values of **responsibility** and **respect**.

Mobile phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be handed into the child's class teacher every morning. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

Fruit

Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat during break time.

Home Learning

Your child must read at home, each night, in order to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. This can be based on the language that the author uses, predictions /inferences that can be made from the text and by also encouraging the children to write down any words that they may not understand. We have our own 'Word of the Week' display in our classroom, and we are always keen to share new vocabulary with the class.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges, alongside additional tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. It is vital that homework and reading is taken seriously, particularly as the pupils are now becoming independent learners and this is good practice to prepare them for secondary school. Pupils are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked weekly.

Science topic- Light

In our science lessons this term, children will be taught to:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines,
- explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye, and
- explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

School timings

Children can come into school from 8.40am where they will be given morning activities to complete.

Physical education

P.E. will be taught on a Wednesday and Thursday this half term- 6SO will have their lesson on Thursdays and 6DM will have theirs on Wednesday. Both classes' lessons will comprise of a range of activities in relation to team building. On the day of their P.E. lessons, children can wear their P.E. kits for the duration of the day.

Uniform

Please remember to label all uniform items with the child's full name.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive welcome to everyone in connection with 6SO and 6DM. We look forward to a wonderful year. Mrs. Ormond and Mr. Mitakos.