



Year 6 2018 Spring Newsletter



The Year 6 Team has a lot of exciting topics planned for this term and we hope that they will throw themselves into their learning and share with you what they are working on. We always appreciate it when the children have researched for themselves and bring their findings into school to share with others - just no spoilers please!

ENGLISH



This half term we will be using Ernest Shackleton's extraordinary expedition to Antarctica to inspire some great writing.

Later in the term we will be exploring Shakespeare and using lots of drama to develop Talk for Writing.

Supporting all of this will be our continuing work on Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. Spelling tests, on the lists the children get for homework, are every Wednesday. And don't forget the 50 word Spelling Bee - Mrs Carter's class is determined to keep the trophy - but can they!?

Please encourage your children are reading quality books regularly. We ask for at least three reading sessions a week - but prefer daily!

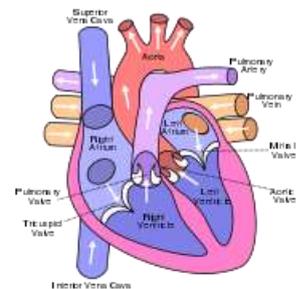
Maths

We are currently working hard to understand how to calculate with fractions. We'll be moving on to learning how to work out the perimeter and area of shapes, algebra, units of measure, data handling and graphs. All of this will be taught against a backdrop of arithmetic. The four operations support all other areas of maths and like dogs, it isn't just for Christmas!

We strongly encourage the children to maintain their skills using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - if in doubt they can always practice their tables.



Look out for details of our Explorer Day - to be just after half term - more info to follow



Using Explorers as an overall theme we will be finding out about the continents and countries of the world, the weather that defines them. We are also going to be conducting weather related investigations.

In Science we will be finding out about the effect that different climates can have on our bodies. . We are also going to be investigating the heart and circulation and how exercise affects heart rate and breathing.

This term we will also be preparing the children for their SATs, looking at past papers and practice questions and working on test technique. We are sending home weekly arithmetic practice and spellings which will be marked or tested the following week. Please support your children with this - it will help their learning now and start training them for secondary school. Plenty of sleep and lots of exercise help learning too! Please do get in touch if you have any concerns about your child's progress - we're here to help.