



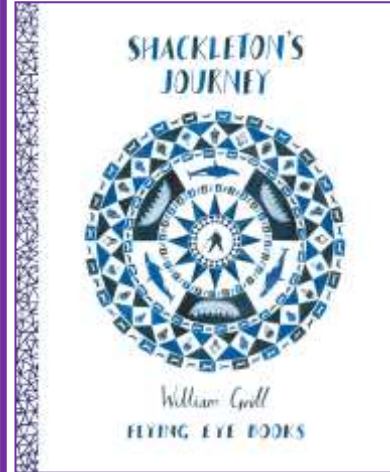
Willow Class Autumn Term



We hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and look forward to welcoming you into year 5. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself, or a member of the support team. We are always happy to help.

Our learning this term

This term much of our learning will focus around the core theme of "Extreme Earth". Through this, we will centre our geography learning around extreme types of weather, while expanding our knowledge of biomes and climate zones. We will also learn further map and navigational skills. Through history, we will look at significant explorers, such as Ernest Shackleton, who ventured to the extreme corners of the earth. We will also learn about local history, including the fishing heritage of Grimsby. Our core books of **Shackleton's Journey** and **Ride the Wind** will help us tie some of our English learning into our topic. We will also delve into the story **The Wolf Wilder**, by Katherine Rundell. In maths, we will be returning to core calculation skills before moving on to fractions work. In art, we will learn about a variety of different ways to create portraits, looking at the work of artists from different cultures, and in music we will learn how to read notation. Science learning will focus on properties and changes of materials, while in DT we will look at creating meals with seasonal produce. For more curriculum information, please look at the medium term plan!



Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

Weekly Essentials:

Reading: Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week which should be logged in your reading diaries. We would really like to see more involvement in this area.

Maths Challenges: A maths challenge will be provided each week.

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

Flashback 4: This will be in the form of 4 retrieval questions. This will be a quick task to complete and help children to remember what they have been learning across the curriculum.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose some of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning.

General Reminders

- **PE:** Please bring kits in every week. Y5 will usually have their PE lesson on a **Monday**. PE is a compulsory element of the curriculum like any other subject and missing kit will be followed up. We will mainly focus on invasion games during this term.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.



Key Dates:

- **September 19th - Hook Day - Taiko Drumming**
- September 18th - Jeans for Genes fundraiser - Wear denim!
- September 20th - Harvest Festival donations
- September 27th - Macmillan Cake Sale - Community invite to watch us perform
- October - Big Draw Festival
- October 16th - Autumn Craft Event
- **November 7th - Fishing Heritage Centre Trip**
- November 11th - Anti-Bullying Week
- November 15th - Children in Need - Fundraising and fun activities
- November 18th - Road Safety Week
- December 2nd - Christmas Fayre - More information to follow!
- December 13th - Y5 Christmas Event

We will also be observing other important events this term, including: World First Aid Day, Fairtrade Fortnight, International Day of Democracy, Recycling Week, Black History Month, World Mental Health Day, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Remembrance, UK Parliament Week - Further info on our SMSC Long Term Overview on the website.

Hook Day - Taiko Drumming Workshop - September 19th

We have a very exciting full-day workshop lined up for our hook day this year! Children will spend the day using Japanese drumming to delve more into our fishing heritage. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £7.50.

Trip - Fishing Heritage Centre - November 7th

To enrich our learning about local history, we have arranged a trip to the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £15.

The office will be available to discuss any support with payments.

Thank you for reading. Mr Middleton