



Star Anise Newsletter



Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back after such a long time away from school. We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you!

Topic

Our **Topic** this term is all about Extreme Earth and navigation.

We will learn about how there are different climate zones across the planet, and how extreme weather is caused, as well as how it can affect communities. We will also explore natural disasters, such as tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. With our **geography**, we will also learn how to use lines of latitude and longitude to develop our map skills. In **history**, we will learn about famous navigators. In addition to this, we will also learn about our local history, including the boating heritage of our region and the history of the school. There will be lots of exciting art and DT opportunities that will link to our topic.



Our **Hook Day** for the topic will be on Monday 14th September. We will not be dressing up for this term's hook day.

Class Book

The children will be using the books *Shackleton's Journey* and *Sky Song* to stimulate their imagination and reading skills and inspire writing for a variety of purposes.



Health & Safety

Understandably, there will be some changes to the classrooms, as a result of DFE guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic. For example, each child will have their own set of equipment, the desks will be organised in rows, and there will be a greater focus on frequent hand washing and good hygiene practices. Please do not bring in large backpacks—a book bag will suffice.



PE Tuesday

PLEASE ensure that your child remembers to bring their FULL PE kit. Children will be going outside and will need outside footwear and suitable warm clothing. Strict hygiene procedures will need to be followed for PE and lessons will focus on distance-activities, achieving personal best, and the positive mental health impact of exercise.

Water

Could you also ensure your child has a water bottle in school, as keeping hydrated is important and does impact positively on pupils' learning. Thank you.

Home Learning

Please check your child's Home Learning book and home reading diary. Children are expected to complete a reading, spelling and maths challenge each week and six pieces of home learning per term. Please see the class blog for further details.

Our class will start the school day at 9.15am and finish at 3.15pm.

Mr Middleton & Mrs Cooke