

Year 5 Autumn Term Topic Web

English

In Autumn 1, after a three-week unit based on Roald Dahl's *Witches*, we will be having fun with Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

In Autumn 2, we will be writing non-chronological reports on the amazing creatures that live in Antarctica. We will finish the term writing our own adventure stories and diaries based around the remarkable expedition led by Ernest Shackleton.

Weekly spellings are set on Fridays, to be tested the following Friday.

Mathematics

This term, we will be building on the children's understanding of place value, before deepening their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), then progressing to fractions work.

Weekly homework is set on Mathematics.

Science

In the autumn term, we will be looking at properties of materials and changes to materials - melting, freezing, dissolving, reversible and irreversible changes.

RE/PSHE

We will start RE this term by learning about Christianity. Our key question is 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?'

In PSHE, we will be focusing on the topic 'Beginning and Belonging'.



Geography

In geography this term, we will be learning about Antarctica and the geographical features of the continent. The children will learn about the wildlife within the region and why Antarctica is so important to our planet.

Art

This term, the children will create their own polar art, drawing on the landscapes and creatures of the regions. We will also be studying Inuit art.

P.E.

Netball/ Outdoor and Adventurous Activities - outdoor session on **Tuesday afternoons**.

Premier Sports – indoor session on **Wednesday afternoons**, studying gymnastics.

History

Our topic this term is Earnest Explorers, which will focus on Antarctica and the journeys of Antarctic explorers. The children will be using timelines to order events in Shackleton's life, making inferences about historical artefacts, as well as learning about Scott and Amundsen's race to the South Pole. The children will learn all about Ernest Shackleton's Endurance voyage and how the events unfolded.

Activities will include:

- Timelines
- Fact files
- Speech writing
- Diary entries

Music

The children will be following the Year 5 Charanga programme of studies and will be learning sea shanties.

Computing

We will start computing lessons with a focus on coding in Purple Mash and other pieces of software.