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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 6, this term our topic is 'Frozen kingdom', this will focus on the Arctic and Antarctic. Starting off in literacy looking at the explorer Ernest Shackleton.

### Homework

This term, we will be continuing to work through our Year 6 Maths Revision guides and spellings will be sent home in blocks, these words will be taken from Year 6 spelling lists and these are the ones they will be tested on at the end of the year. We have had a discussion in class about homework projects and the class have agreed instead of doing the topic homework they will do more reading and maths.

With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children secure their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress. Please keep playing on Times Table Rockstars.

### Reading

Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. During Upper Key Stage 2 children go through a critical transformation as readers. During KS1 & Lower KS2 children are taught to decode, recognise key sight words, comprehend simple texts, and read with some degree of fluency. During Years 5 & 6, it is still important for children to read every day, they must consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

School library books can be changed during our library slot- Thursday afternoon.

Inside the children's reading books there should be a bookmark where children write down when they have read, please encourage the children to do this at home.

### PE

This term PE will be on Thursday and Friday morning.

This term we will be continuing to take part in 'The Daily Mile'.



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A reminder that school PE kit should be worn. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on swimming and P.E. days.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.

### Expensive items

A few children have been coming into school wearing expensive items and watches. These are worn at the children's own risk and will need to be removed during PE lessons. Please can you also ensure no Apple watches have games that could distract the children's learning.

### Curriculum Overview

**RE-** God- What does it mean if God is loving and Holy?

**Topic** (Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art) - frozen Kingdom

**Science-** Classification

### Water Bottles

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mr S Cook

