

Year 6

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'

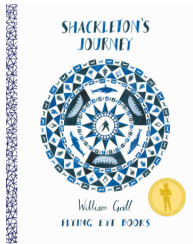


Spring 1 - Learning Overview

The Hook -

Sign up for adventure!

Shackleton's Journey By William Grill



Why did Shackleton want to go to the South Pole?	What makes a person a trail blazer?	How did Shackleton overcome challenges?	Is it worth taking risks to achieve dreams and goals?
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What we will be teaching:

English:

Possibly, there could be no better way to start a topic on Antarctica than enjoying snow first hand. The intrepid tales of trailblazers will inspire this term's learning, beginning with the Journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton told by William Grill. We will be writing a formal letter of application to join Shackleton's team, learning to use formal language and grammatical structures. We will be using a range of persuasive techniques and planning our paragraphs carefully to ensure we demonstrate cohesion throughout. Later this term, we will research the biographies of influential women and men who have been pioneers of change.

Maths:

In Maths, we will secure our understanding of decimals and explore the relationships between decimals, fractions and percentages. We will continue to strengthen our use of formal methods and build our reasoning skills through solving multi-step problems.

History/Geography:

In Geography, we will be revising climate zones, focussing on polar regions. We will be mapping Shackleton's journey and learning about Antarctica's climate. We will be learning about the research that continues in this part of the world and why. In History, we will learn about the lives and motivations of those who are considered to be trail blazers. We will debate whether dreams out-weigh risks and use historical evidence to draw conclusions about the aspirations of famous historical figures who inspired others.

Science:

In science, we will complete our work on light and explore electrical circuit components as well as recapping on insulators and conductors. Swanmore College Science teachers will be presenting some exciting science workshops too.

ART/DT:

In art we will explore sculpture, beginning with clay. We will use thumb pots to create hollow polar

creatures. We will look at a range of sculptors from the 20th century and begin to understand how art can be a form of communication, unique to individual artists with common themes. We will link our DT to our science electrical unit and design warning systems for intrepid trail blazers.

RE:

In RE we will explore the principles of justice and Freedom. We will learn how this is seen in different religions. We will be asking some philosophical questions such as 'Is fairness the same as justice?'

Computing:

In this unit we will look at variables within computer games. Using scratch, we will use variables to create our own game scoreboards.

PE:

In PE, we will be developing our hockey skills, as well as using some of our transferable invasion game skills and tactics. We will also continue to develop our gymnastic skills by strengthening our core muscles and sequencing routines on the apparatus.

French:

In this subject, we will be developing our knowledge of French days of the week and months of the year alongside learning to describe the weather in French.

Music:

Throughout this unit, we will be combining our ICT and music skills to compose.

Messages to parents:

PE days will now be Thursdays and Fridays.

Remember to check the St John's jottings weekly for dates of upcoming events in school. This is emailed each Friday and is designed to keep our community up-to-date on important events in school.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

The Year 6 Team

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