



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 2—2023/2024

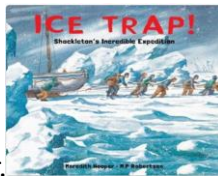


### Notices and Reminders

- Please remember to bring in your reading book and diary every day so that we are able to change books, record reading and monitor your five reads!
- A polite reminder to ensure that you have correct PE kit for a Thursday, including black trainers.
- Please remember to bring your filled water bottle every day!

### Reading

This term the children are going to be exploring the true story of Ernest Shackleton's epic attempt to make the first crossing of the continent of Antarctica. When his ship gets trapped in the ice, his adventure turns into a battle to stay alive and escape. His tale of endurance and perseverance against all odds is retold in the book *Ice Trap! Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition* by Meredith Hooper.



### Writing

This half term we continue to apply our Talk for Writing approach using the text 'How to trap a dragon' and a short diary extract. The children will complete instructional writing linked to 'How to trap a dragon' and a diary entry also. The children will also be completing daily spellings using the ELS scheme and will continue to practise their punctuation and grammar within their writing lessons.



### Key dates

- **Thurs 7th March** - World Book Day
- **Fri 15th March** - Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
- **Mon 18th March 9.00am** - Rocksteady concert in the main hall for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons
- **Weds 27th March** - last day of term 1.30pm early finish
- **Weds 27th March** - Learning Exhibition in classrooms straight after school at 1.30pm
- **INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March**
- **EASTER HOLIDAYS - Fri 29th March - Fri 12th April**

Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

### Maths

The children will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and calculate using multiplication ( $\times$ ) and division ( $\div$ ) signs. They will solve problems using arrays, mental methods, repeated addition, and ' $\times$ ' and ' $\div$ ' facts, including problems in context. They will also recognise odd and even numbers. The children will then learn about length and height using cm and metres, before using the four operations to solve problems.



## Science

In science the children will be learning all about materials. They will explore different types of materials, discover what their properties are, and why it make them good for particular jobs. We will also learn the difference between opaque and translucent.



## Geography

In geography the children will continue to learn about Antarctica. They will learn about Ernest Shackleton and other explorers of Antarctica. This knowledge will help them to answer our big question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?'



## RE

This term in RE the children will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover. They will learn about the prophet Moses, where the name Passover comes from, what the Jewish Exodus was and how Jewish people celebrate Passover.



## PE

In PE this term the children will be learning athletics. They will learn how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. They will also develop their balance, agility and coordination.



## Music

The children will learn about pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will learn that music has a steady beat, is made up of long and short sounds known as rhythm, and high and low sounds known as pitch. They will practise combining these elements through playing the recorder in a variety of musical compositions.



## PSHE

This term in PSHE the children will learn about what helps them to stay safe. They will identify what helps them to stay safe at school and outside including on roads. They will explore what risks exist in different places, what signs help to keep them safe and how they can be safe In the sun.



## Homework

- 1) Five reads a week - this will continue to be our number one priority and we will continue to reward those pupils who complete their five reads at home weekly.
- 2) Topic home learning will be sent home in green books.
- 3) You will be set a third piece of home learning such as practising multiplication times tables using TT Rockstars, phonics or a literacy task.

## Suggested books for reading

