# Term 2 Year 6 Parent Overview

We have had a wonderful first term and we are excited for all the fun of term 2. Homework, which includes reading comprehension, maths and spelling, will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and will need to be handed in on a Monday. Reading records will be collected on a Friday. Below is an overview of the topics that we will be covering during term 2. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you. Miss Sinton (Class Teacher Tuesday-Friday), Mr van den Broek (Class Teacher Monday), Mrs Russell (Teaching Assistant), Miss Law (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Milward (Teaching Assistant).

## **English**



We will be exploring the book Trapped by the Ice which documents Ernest Shackleton's amazing Antarctic adventure. We will focus on writing letters home and a series of diary entries, using Old English to explain how Shackleton and his men felt at different points in their quest. We will also explore the poem When I Heard the Music Play and write our own versions.

#### Maths



This term we will be focussing on two key areas in maths: Fractions and converting units. We will be learning to compare and order fractions before learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions by other fractions and integers. We will then move on to converting units which will involve both metric and imperial conversions.

### Science



Our topic this term is animals including humans. The children will be starting the unit by dissecting a pig heart and identifying all the key features. We will then find out about the function of the intestines, heart and blood and how the circulatory system works. We will then consider healthy lifestyle choices, looking at the effects of alcohol, smoking and vaping and why exercise is so important.

### Geography



This term our geography unit will focus on Antarctica. During this topic, we will be learning about where Antarctica is and what it would be like to visit. We will explore who lives on Antarctica and why tourists visit. We will find out about explorers who went on expeditions to Antarctica, including Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton. We will learn more about the lines of latitude and longitude and how this affects time zones.

#### RE



In RE the children will be learning about why Hindus want to be good. We will explore how they believe in Brahman, the trimurti and other gods. We will find out about dharma, karma, samara and moksha and how Hindus worship in their homes.

#### French



French will be taught by Mr Ponting and supported by Miss Sinton.

This term the children will be learning about objects in the classroom and the wider school.

| Wellbeing | We will be focussing on how we value differences and how it is OK to be different. We will explore things we have in common with others and focus on tolerance and respect. We will also explore gender stereotypes and how we can continue to challenge them.   | Art | We will find out who Nerys Levy is and what she has done. We will explore her artwork and the techniques she used, giving our own opinions on her pieces. We will then be sketching landscapes of Antarctica whilst thinking about perspective and proportion. We will carefully select colour palettes, mixing a range of colours with different tones. We will finish the unit but creating our own pieces inspired by Nerys Levy's work. |
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| DT        | This term we will be designing a playground for the royal kingdom. We will first gather ideas and make initial designs, before evaluating and improving our ideas and then building the structures using a range of tools and materials. We will then attach our structures to a base and evaluate our playgrounds |     |   |

PΙ



We will have indoor PE on a Monday afternoon and outdoor PE on a Friday afternoon. Please can you ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit on a Monday and Friday. May we also remind you that this is, blue or black joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or school hoodie. Indoor PE this term will be gymnastics. We will learn about different jumps, rolls and cartwheels and will be ensuring we carry out these moves correctly. Outdoor PE will be netball. We will learn about different passes, footwork, pivoting, attacking and defending.