



Year 5/6  
Autumn 1

## Topic: Where in the World? Frozen Kingdom

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school year. This year, the Year 5/6 team will be supported by Mrs Pepper, Mrs Taylor, Miss Garthwaite and Mrs Strachan. We've already made an amazing start to the new term - the children are already making us proud and being super role models to the rest of the school.

Our topic for this half term is "Where in the world? Frozen Kingdom". This is a geography-based topic which gives us an opportunity to explore the Arctic and Antarctica, mapping the polar regions and learning more about their human and physical features. In Art we will be creating prints and for DT we will design and make structures. In Science, we will be learning about Forces, finding out more about gravity, air and water resistance and friction, and exploring mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears. In RE, we will be exploring Christian beliefs about creation and how humans are responsible for looking after the planet. We will be looking at E-Safety in our computing sessions. In PE, we will be developing attacking, defending and shooting skills for invasion games and we will be looking at Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing in PSHE.

In Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of number and place value with larger numbers before moving onto calculation skills. Alongside this, we will be practising basic skills including addition facts and times tables to make sure our recall of number facts and mental calculation skills support our learning; practising these at home and regularly using TTRockstars would be really helpful.

In English, we will be developing our sentence level skills and writing a range of texts inspired by our topic work as well as our reading texts. We will also be celebrating National Poetry Day in October by reading, performing and writing poetry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.  
Miss Patrick and the Year 5/6 team

### Uniform reminder:

Please be reminded of the school uniform policy:  
Grey/black shorts or trousers and white shirt  
Red and white gingham dress or playsuits  
Grey knee-length skirt or pinafore  
White blouse or shirt  
Red cardigan or sweatshirt  
Plain black, grey or red tights or socks  
Plain black shoes or trainers  
No make-up including nail varnish  
No jewellery except a watch and one pair of studs

### Reading and Spellings

This year, spellings will be sent out on a **Friday**, to be tested in school the following **Friday**. Children will be able to access their spellings on the online platform 'Spelling Shed'. Please get in touch if you need help accessing this.

Reading books will be sent home weekly - please encourage your child to read regularly at home, independently and with adults. Paper copies of home reading journals will be coming home shortly - please try to log home reading regularly.

### Autumn 1 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

Shackleton's Journey by William Grill  
Odd and the Frost Giants  
Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone



### PE Kits and Forest Schools

This half term we will have PE on **Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kits for the full day. Please ensure your child has the school PE kit of **plain** black shorts/joggers, a **plain** white top and black sand shoes/trainers. A plain black hoodie can be worn for outdoor PE.

Children will be taking part in a Forest Schools session during this half term on a **Thursday**. Please ensure they have suitable footwear (wellies or walking boots please) and waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers. This will begin on **Thursday 7th September**.