



SURVIVAL



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. We are excited to let you know about our next half term and the amazing topics we will be covering.

We are really looking to this term as we start to explore what it takes to survive in different climates.

We will also explore far off lands with our new book Kensuke's Kingdom which will provide some interesting conversations around the meaning of friendship.

Please also encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly. It is such an important life skill.

Miss Jackson and Miss Dunn

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

Was Shackleton really the greatest explorer?

AS WRITERS we will be writing our own survival guide based on our class text, Kensuke's Kingdom.

AS SCIENTISTS we will be learning about sound and how it travels. We will also be looking at the uses of sound in our everyday lives.

AS GEOGRAPHERS we will be looking at why certain places in the world have the climates they do. We will also look at survivability in these regions by using the race to the south pole as an example.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will be learning how we can use computers to research a topic.

AS MATHEMATICIANS we will continue our work on times tables as well as beginning to look at fractions.

AS ATHLETES we will be learning to swim every Tuesday and Thursdays we will be developing our team sports and games as well as individual skills.

IN FRENCH we will be learning all about the weather.

AS ARTISTS we will be creating a piece of layered artwork focusing on how we can use space and distance to highlight background, middle ground and foreground.

AS MUSICIANS we will be learning and performing Stop! – a song/rap about bullying.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE/RE) we will be learning more about how to keep ourselves safe. In RE we will be learning about Christians and their beliefs.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- PE is on Monday, Swimming and Beach School are on a Tuesday.
- Reading remains one of the most important things you can do at home to support your child. We recommend at least 20 mins a day at home.
- Homework is set every week.
- Please ensure your child is accessing TTRockstars regularly to help your child with their times table fluency.

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WAS SHACKLETON REALLY THE GREATEST EXPLORER?

Survival Topic Homework Challenges

Here are a selection of activities to complete at home throughout the term.

Please complete a minimum of 3 activities and upload any pictures to Google Classroom or stick them in the homework book.

Build a model of your own deserted island.

Create a map of your own deserted island.

Write a short book review of Kensuke's Kingdom, our class text.

Draw a map of the world, colour coding the different biomes.

Research one of the biomes we are studying and create a short story set in that biome.

Create your own plastic brick.

Create a persuasive poster advertising a biome of your choice.

Draw and label a biome of your choice, labelling the flora and fauna you would find there.

Make your own short film reporting on how we can protect our biomes from pollution.

Keep a recycling diary of all the things you have recycled and how you have recycled them.

Research a famous explorer and create a fact file about their life.

Create a poster about how an animal has adapted to survive in their biome.