

Hérons and Kingfishers Autumn Term

Topic

English

During Autumn 1 we will start by looking at poetry by our visiting author Nicola Davies, followed by non-chronological reports on the amazing creatures that live in Antarctica.

We will then write our own adventure stories based around the book "Shackleton's Journey" by William Grill.

In Autumn 2 we will be writing instructions for our own potions, as well as studying how to write suspense stories based around "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick".

Mathematics

This term we will be building on the children's understanding of place value, before deepening their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) as well as statistics.

Science

Autumn 1: Properties of Materials and how are they used? E.g. which is the best material to insulate against the weather?

Autumn 2: Changes to materials- melting, freezing, dissolving, reversible and irreversible changes.

RE/PSHE

Christianity & Judaism- is religion what you say or do?

Rights, Rules & Responsibilities

My emotions & Anti-bullying

P.E.

Gymnastics/dance- Monday afternoons

Games: Invasion games – Wednesday afternoons.

History

We will look in detail at the race to the South Pole by Captain Scott, as well as the fated journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton, with lots of opportunity for drama, role play and writing, including:

- Persuasive writing-application to join the expedition
- Information pages on Antarctica
- Diary and journal entries
- Descriptive writing
- Poetry based around the photographs taken by Frank Hurley.

Geography

Taking on the role of adventurers of the past, we will explore the globe, focussing on the Arctic and Antarctic circles. We will look at the features of the landscape as well as the wildlife and weather challenges!

Art & DT

Where possible different art projects will be linked into the topic where a variety of skills will be practised, using a wide range of media and techniques.

Music

This year music will be taught on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Stock, an accomplished musician, who will be following a scheme of work on Charanga, an exciting new program we have just purchased.

Computing

We will be using the purple mash programme.

Ernest Explorers!

