



# Yew Tree Community School

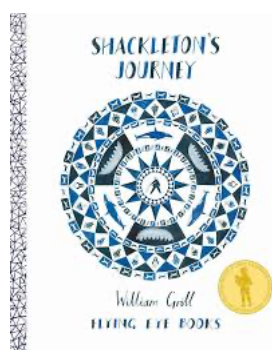
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## Year 3 Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

If you have any concerns, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day.



### English

Our purpose for writing this term will be to inform. We will be writing a letter from the viewpoint of Ernest Shackleton, the great Antarctic explorer, and towards the end of the term we will write about Shackleton's expeditions. We will be using the William Groll book – 'Shackleton's Journey' to support our writing.

### Reading

We are reading the book, 'Agents in the Wild – Operation Iceberg'. We will be working on our retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills during these sessions. We will also continue to have regular, 'Reading 4 Pleasure' sessions in class with a big focus on fluence.



### Home Reading

Children will continue bring 1 book home per week - a free choice from our class library. If they bring two books, it is because they need extra support and they have been given a book at their specific phonic ability. **We will swap books each Friday.** We keep a log of all books children borrow and those children that read. *Did you know children should be able to read 120 words per minute accurately by the end of year 3? That's one to have a go at, at home! If children can't quite manage that then keep practising at home and we will be practising in school too.*

### Maths

In maths, we are looking at fractions, money & time. We continue to be working on our mental arithmetic every morning at 8:45 so please make sure your child is in school on time. We also request that we support your children to learn or practise to tell the time and all times tables including division facts. Children can still use their Purple Mash logins to use TT Rockstars.





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## Topics

In our new history topic is, 'Where is Antarctica?'. In DT, we will be, 'Constructing Castles'. Please see an earlier note on School Jotter stating materials we need you to send in from home (small boxes, toilet rolls to build a castle that will sit on an A3 piece of paper).

## PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is 'Relationships'. We will be talking about beating stereotypes and building & maintaining positive relationships.

## PE

**PE days are Wednesday** and this half term we are working on striking and fielding. Children need to bring their kit in a bag (yellow t-shirt, black shorts/trousers/leggings & trainers) and they will get changed before the session. We will hopefully be outside for most sessions now – fingers crossed!

## Homework

Each Friday children will be given homework (**a reading task, spellings and maths**). Please ensure that you support your child with each of these tasks and that they are bringing them in completed each Friday (or before). A record will kept of children who return their homework & books each week.

## Trips

We have 2 more trips planned for this year (Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egypt) and we have already asked for £7 per child, which will cover the cost of all the visits (see School Jotter's previous term's newsletter for that info). Please send in £7 to class teachers if you have not already done so.

*Thank you for your support, Year 3 Staff*