

Reading

Our class focus texts:

In class we will have a focus text for each Big Idea (this text will be read to the children daily by the teacher)

Big Idea 1:

Book Study: Leon and the Place Between
Extension text: The Nowhere Emporium
Ross MacKenzie

Big Idea 2:

Shackleton's Journey by William Grill
Extension text: 365 by Penguins Jean-Luc Fromental

Independent reading

Children will have 2 books at all times: a levelled book (given by the teacher) and a free choice book (child's own choice). The levelled book will be sent home on **Thursday** and will be due back in on **Monday**. This is to allow for the books to be quarantined.

Please ensure your child has read AND recorded in their reading diary **AT LEAST 2x per week as part of their homework**. We will give out prizes for the children who have read the most over the week and half term- it's all to read for! If your child is unable to write in their diary please let a member of staff know and they will be given the opportunity to do so in class.

PE Wednesday & Thursday.

- No ear rings can be worn (cannot be covered).
 - Uniform: trainers, shorts and t-shirt. Warm tracksuit when cold, as PE will be outside this half term.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle.

Big Idea 1:

Book Study

'Leon and the Place Between'
Grahame Baker-Smith



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Big Idea 2:

Can we explore Antarctica?



Year 4 - Autumn 1

NOTES FOR PARENTS

Welcome to year 4! We hope you find this Newsletter helpful and you enjoy reading about what we will be doing for the half term.

SPECIAL EVENTS and KEY DATES

10.09.20, 17.09.20 & 24.09.20:

STEM and Circus skills workshops with Stuart Priest
Circus skills York

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Spellings

Spelling homework will be given on a **Friday** and children will be tested the following **Friday** morning.

There will be a spelling rule and additional tricky spellings to learn (the children would have learnt in the week's spelling lessons.)

Times Tables/Maths

Online Math's homework will be given every week and children will have a times table test every Friday morning.

Big Idea Homework

A sheet of different challenges relating to the topic will be given every half term. The children will be provided with a Big Idea project folder.

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MATHS



Children will be learning about number this term.

They will be investigation place value, Roman numerals, formal calculation methods for addition and subtraction,

We will be practicing the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 x tables. Children must know these tables out of order, with corresponding division facts

COMPUTING

Programming,
E-Safety and
word
processing.

English

We will be learning the skills to help us write the following genres:

Instructions

We will be writing instructions to teach others how to juggle.

Descriptive writing

We will be writing a detailed description of our own place between/ 'somewhere else'. We will also be describing the characters Leon and Abdul Kazam.

Recount

We will be writing a detailed diary from the point of a member of Shackleton's team.

Non-Chronological Reports.

We will be writing our own information pages about penguins.

SCIENCE Focus

Sound
&

Living things and their habitats.

BIG IDEA HOST SUBJECTS

Big Idea 1: Art and DT focus. Focus region: UK
Big Idea 2: Geography, history and Art. Focus region: Antarctica.