

Class Letter

8th March 2019

Dear Families,

This half term we will begin by continuing our topic of explorers. Learning logs are coming home and these will really support your child in class. We have looked at different explorers including Christopher Columbus, Captain Cook, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and we are now finding out about Ice Explorers, in particular Ernest Shackleton and his journey to Antarctica. We will also find out about Tenzing Norgay's exploration of Mount Everest. This will also include links to exploring different places in geography and different settings in English along with our new text 'How To Find Gold' by Viviane Schwarz.

How can you help at home:

- Research different explorers.
- Ask and answer questions about explorers.
- Explore adventure stories.
- Use adjectives to describe settings using capital letters and full stops consistently.
- Add extra detail to sentences using when, if, that, because, and, or, but.

- Practise children's fluency of skills such as doubling and halving numbers.
- Practice number bonds to 5, 10 or 20 (pairs of numbers such as 5+5 or 6+4)

Year 2

- Practice multiplication, division and fractions.
- Use pictorial methods to solve mathematical problems e.g. 5×3 or five groups of three might look like this. This might also look like $15 \div 5 = 3$ (fifteen shared by five).

1	o	o	o
2	o	o	o
3	o	o	o
4	o	o	o
5	o	o	o

- Give children plenty of opportunities to draw groups of pictures using an 'array'.

Reading and spelling practice

Thank you for supporting your child with reading and spellings at home.

Please ensure that you read with your child as much as possible, ideally every night, and then sign your child's reading record. I am aware that reading a whole book can take quite some time so even just a few pages per night would be a great help to your child!

Spelling practice is very important. Your child brings home a spelling 'zapper' book every night so please work with them to practice and learn their words to help improve their vocabulary, reading, phonics and writing!

P.E. I would like to thank all the families who have provided children with full P.E. kits. This half term we will have our P.E. sessions on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Boylan. We will also have P.E. on Friday afternoons with Dave and Skip to be Fit

As ever, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask; after school is the best time or feel free to ring and arrange a time to meet. Don't forget that you are always welcome to come in for a quick look around the class!

Best wishes,
Ms Tregellas