



HAWKSWORTH WOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1
Year 5

Mrs Appleyard

English

This half term, our English learning will be closely linked to our topic 'Explorers'. We will begin by delving into the real-life stories of true survivors to help us to write detailed biographical narratives about Ernest Shackleton. We will then use our knowledge of different landscapes and environments to write poems that describe setting, inspired by poetry written by the Brontë sisters and a visit to our local woodland.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations. We will investigate numbers up to 10 million: ordering, comparing and rounding. Following on from this, we will build on our knowledge of the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) and begin to explore more complex concepts, including long multiplication and division.

Topic

This half term, we will be studying 'Explorers'. We will learn about and research significant explorers and their discoveries throughout history, building on our knowledge of physical geography and locational knowledge (including the use of atlases) along the way.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about 'Living Things'. We will build on and apply our knowledge of living things and how they are adapted to particular environments. We will study physical characteristics, patterns of behaviour and life cycles which help organisms to adapt and improve their chance of survival. We will also develop our observation, testing and recording skills.

How you can help at home

Spellings and homework given out on Fridays.

PE – Thursday - Please remember to wear your school PE Kit on a Thursday for our long PE session. School PE kit must be worn- plain white t-shirt, black or navy jogging bottoms and either a school jumper or navy jumper for colder days.

Reading books will be sent home to your child every week. Children should be reading at least twice a week. Books must be returned to school.

Practicing times tables- TT Rockstars is a great way to practice. Please let your child's teacher know if there any problems with logging in and accessing this at home.

Key Information

**Friday 29th September –
Macmillan Coffee Morning**