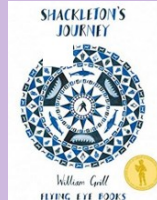


## What are we learning this half term?

This half term, in Maths we will be focusing on slightly different areas of learning in Years 5 and 6. Year 6 children will be moving on to Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and then Geometry looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Year 5 will focus on Geometry, looking at 2 and 3D shapes, angles and coordinates.

In reading this half term, we will be looking at Williams Grill's 'Shackleton's Journey'. We will continue to use this text to help us develop key skills, such as retrieval, inference, deduction, summarizing and sequencing.



In our writing this half term, we are writing short stories, focusing on vocabulary choices and using speech and speech punctuation accurately.

## P.E Dates

In P.E this half term, we will be refining our football skills. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full **P.E kit, which is a white t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms/ leggings, pumps or trainers.**

On the following days, your child should come into school wearing their PE kit:

**5HW Tuesday (swimming kit) and Wednesday**

**5NP/LW Monday and Wednesday**

**6NP Wednesday and Thursday**

**6LB Wednesday and Thursday**

## School Uniform

A reminder that all children should come to school in school uniform. This includes a burgundy jumper or cardigan, white polo shirt and black trousers, skirt or pinafore.

**School shoes/trainers must be black.** The full policy can be found on our website.



## Take Every Learning Opportunity

From 8:30, we welcome children into class to work on and enhance their maths and handwriting skills. We will be completing a range of tasks as well as using Times Table Rockstars on Chromebooks.

Children need to be here for a prompt start to maximize learning!

## Homework, Home Reading and Spellings

We will ensure all children have an appropriate and challenging text to take home each night. Our choice and range of books is designed to give you child a broad and balanced reading diet, tailored to their needs. Please continue to read at home with your child each night and return a completed journal next day. Every Friday children will receive a reading comprehension and maths homework to practice and reinforce their learning at home. Please complete and return the completed homework by the following **Wednesday**. Every Friday, spellings will be sent home. Children will have a week to learn them before being tested. These lists will be sent home for you to continue to practice them with your children.

## History and Science

Our **History** topic this half term will be **The Romans**. We will be focusing on the Roman Empire, the Roman Army and invasions, Roman life, in particular in Roman Britain and significant people of this time.

In **Science** we will be focusing on **Properties of Change in Materials - We're Evolving**. We will be carrying out a number of investigations focusing on changes in materials and whether these are reversible or irreversible.