

## ENGLISH

In Literacy, we will be using the book "Shackleton's Journey" by William Grill as our stimulus. This is a visual re-telling of Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition across Antarctica.

We will be working towards first writing a diary entry from the crew member's time on board the ship Endurance and whilst trapped in the pack ice. To do this, we will use immersive experiences as well as reading diaries of other great historical expeditions. We will then focus more on Sir Ernest Shackleton and write a short biography.

During reading, we will be focusing on the novel "A Place called Perfect" by Helene Duggan. As always, our aim within Year Four is to develop pupils' ability to read fluently, which will allow them to articulate their understanding of what they have read, both verbally and in written form, when answering questions.

Reading at home is a crucial part of your child's learning and we encourage pupils to read as often as possible and to read a wide range of material, not just their school reading book.

## Science

During our science sessions in this final half term, we will be completing our unit called "Animals, including humans." This focuses primarily on digestion and begins with learning about teeth, both of humans and other animals, before investigating the digestive system in more detail (and with some practical experiences!) We will end the unit by learning about food chains and food webs which can be found in a variety of different habitats.

## History

We will be continuing our learning about Stuarts for the rest of the Summer Term. Following previous sessions, we will start at the Civil War and the following years without a monarch before moving onto the reign of Charles II and the series of events which happened during his time on the throne, including the Great Fire of London, the Plague and the rebuilding of our capital city.

# Year 4 Summer Two

## SUSTAINABILITY

### RE

Our final RE unit is called "What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?" and will extend our learning about Hinduism from earlier in the year.

Pupils build their understanding of Brahman and look at lived reality through examining Puja at home, worship in the mandir and the festival of Diwali.

### Art

This term, our art links to our geography unit 'Asia: Japan', deepening our knowledge of Japanese culture and traditional artwork. We will be developing our collage skills and creating a final piece based on Hokusai's famous piece of artwork 'The Great Wave'.

## MATHS

During this half term, we are beginning by completing our formal assessment of the children's times table knowledge (MTC). This assesses their recall of all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. The results of this assessment will be sent with your child's report in July.

We will then continue our learning about fractions and progress onto decimals, including decimal equivalents. This will also include fractions of amounts and using fractions in a wider range of contexts.

We will end the year by exploring division; introducing the children to the formal written method for division including remainders.

Our Maths Spot sessions will continue to focus on wider areas of the Maths curriculum, such as time, shape and statistics.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- PE is on a **Thursday**. This will mostly be outside so joggers and jumpers should be brought. Children must bring plasters to cover any **stud** earrings if they cannot be removed.
- In Year 4, pupils are encouraged to change their own reading book as required. They do this at the start of the day and are responsible for recording their new book in their blue record. Adults will also ask pupils about their books, prior to them being changed.
- Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle to school. Bottles should only be filled with plain water.
- Please ensure school shoes are completely black. If trainers are worn, all part of the trainer should be black including sole and any logos.
- On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**, Year 4 will be going on a trip to Danum Museum to take part in the Time Odyssey experience. Further details will be shared with you in the next coming weeks.