



WHAT IS LIFE LIKE IN THE FREEZER?

# Year 5 & 6 Newsletter Summer 1

## So what's going on this half term then?

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We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you all have had a restful Easter break, whilst enjoying the glorious sunshine. Over the next half term, we will be covering a wide number of curriculum areas and have included some information below for you.

### English:

Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the half-term, the standout work will orientate around a study of famous explorers of the Arctic and Antarctic and writing their biographies. The children will be exposed to numerous texts, we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality work of their own. The children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge and this learning should continue to have a significant impact on their writing.

### Reading:

We would like the children to be reading at home at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). The children will be reminded how to record this in their Reading Records.

### Maths:

Both Years 5 & 6 are embarking on an exciting new adventure by exploring a whole new scheme of work: White Rose Maths. Year 5 have started a unit of work exploring decimals whilst Year 6's are delving into statistics.

### ICT:

We will spend time re-enforcing the children's e-safety awareness and developing our understanding of coding. Using code is an integral part of the children's lives and understanding how it works and how to create it supports the children's learning and skills development. We will also be using search engines to support our English work.

### Science:

Our focus will be on the topic of 'Living Things' and includes learning about the life cycles of both plants and animals. The children will learn about how plants and animals reproduce, which will build on their knowledge of different classifications of animals.

### Geography:

Our Geography focus this half term will centre around a study of the Arctic and the Antarctic, looking at lifestyles, jobs and animals.

### Art & design and technology:

We will be exploring texture, depth and colour, through collage, textured paint and modelling. We will be using ice formations as our inspiration.

### French:

Through a unit of work called 'School Trip', the children are developing vocabulary through singing and practical activities.

### Music:

Children will focus on multiple elements of music: pitch, texture and timbre - through beat boxing and listening to music.

**P.S.H.E.:** Our unit of work is based around the theme of 'Relationships'. To further enhance our PSHE provision, the children will also receive 10 DARE lessons, one lesson taking place every Tuesday, which will run through until June.

**P.E.:** Whilst P.E. is planned to take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, children must have their full P.E. kit in school EVERY DAY, as plans can change at very short notice. Whenever possible, PE lessons will take place outside, which lends itself perfectly to our focus on tennis and hockey.

As per usual, children will receive a 'Half Termly Home Learning Menu', which will include both 'must-do' and optional tasks. The 'Menu' will be discussed in class and accessible to the children via Teams. Where possible, we encourage homework to be submitted to teachers via Teams.

Spelling booklets have been handed out to the children and tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

A few little reminders:

- All clothing must be named
- Jewellery should not be worn
- Children must have a named water bottle and coat in school everyday