

19th October 2022

Dear parents,

Re: term 2

As we approach half-term, our thoughts are now turning to Term 2 and our new topic, **Antarctica!** Please see the topic web on the website for specific details.

This doesn't mean that we have ordered Antarctic weather! ☺ But we find this a fascinating and enjoyable subject that the children love. The topic focusses on both history and geography, as we look at the story of Shackleton and his famous voyage of discovery on the *Endurance*, as well as at the incredible landscape and climate of this little-known continent.

In the second week back, we will be celebrating the annual Lethbridge Literature Festival which focusses on the theme 'The Power of Pictures'. The children will be looking at picture books and creating their own to share. Our topic-based English writing will focus on Antarctica and will include descriptive writing around *Oliver Jeffers' Lost and Found*, and diary entries from Shackleton's crew. In science, year 6 will be studying animals including humans and year 5 will be looking at Earth and space. Please see the curriculum overview on our website for further details of the other subjects and coverage.

We have booked a visit to the cinema on Tuesday 15th November for both year 5 and 6. We will be sending out more information about this shortly but it will be during the school day and there is no charge for this.

Parents evenings are being held on Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November. Please sign up for a slot to meet with your child's teacher.

On **Friday 16th December** we will be having an end-of-topic **Dressing Up Day**, and as part of this, the children are invited to dress in blue and/or white, or in clothing with Antarctic animals on (e.g. penguins) or as an Antarctic explorer. Please note: this is **entirely optional** (and there are no polar bears in the Antarctic! ☺). Penguin onesies were quite popular the last time we did this...

We look forward to a busy but exciting term, as always. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing your child back in school on Monday 31st October.

With kind regards,

The Year 5/6 Team