



Our learning this term:

To begin with, we will continue with our topic '**Gods & Mortals**' (Ancient Greeks). The children have been really engaged in the War with Troy story and we have reached the climax to the story this week. We will also be looking at Aesop's Fables before we bring our Ancient Greeks topic to a close.

We will then start an **English** unit on the poetry of William Wordsworth. Three of his poems will provide us with the opportunity to read classical texts with the difficulty this presents in terms of understanding old-fashioned language. The poems will also provide us with the stimulus for our own creative writing. The poems will include his most famous poem, Daffodils, as well as a narrative poem about a girl called Lucy Gray.

Spelling and grammar will also continue to have a focus this term as we help the children to improve the accuracy of their spelling, develop their vocabulary and improve their skills as writers.

In **Mathematics**, we are currently completing a unit on multiples, factors and prime numbers. We will then move onto a major unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be continuing to develop proficiency in arithmetic skills.

As the half-term progresses, we will begin another topic called 'Frozen Kingdom' which is based on the epic journey of William Shackleton to Antarctica. We will learn about the expedition as well as about Antarctica.

Forest Schools lessons will continue this term for Mrs Humphries' class, **but the day has moved to Tuesdays**. We will let parents know when Forest Schools moves back to Mr Collins' class. The class not doing Forest Schools on Tuesdays, will be taught by Ms Keoghan (Science or RE) and Mr McCool (computing). German lessons, with Mr Glead from St. John's School, will continue on Mondays for both classes.

In **PSHE**, we will be carrying on with the Keys to Happier Living programme.

Routines

On Monday mornings both classes will begin with **P.E.** They will also have PE on Wednesdays until the swimming pool is available for us to start swimming lessons.

Spellings will usually be given out on a Tuesday for the children to practise at home; spelling tests will take place on Mondays.

Maths and English homework will be set each week now on a Wednesday, to be returned by the following Tuesday.

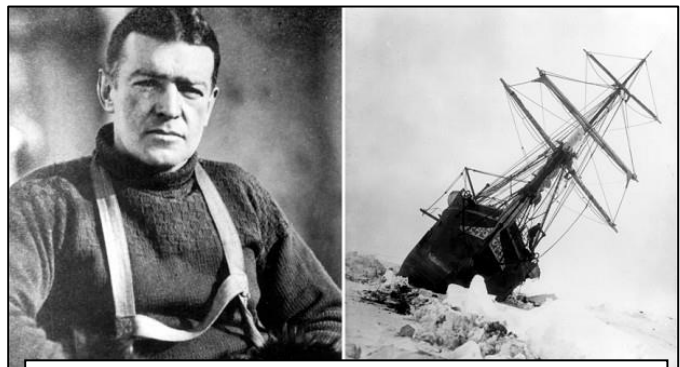
Reading

Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read, at home, **at least four times a week** for a minimum of one hour in total. However, we hope that the children will already be exceeding this target, or will aim to. The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'.

Guidance on completing this section will be given to the children. Reading Diaries are needed in school every day.



William Wordsworth



William Shackleton and his ship, HMS Endurance.