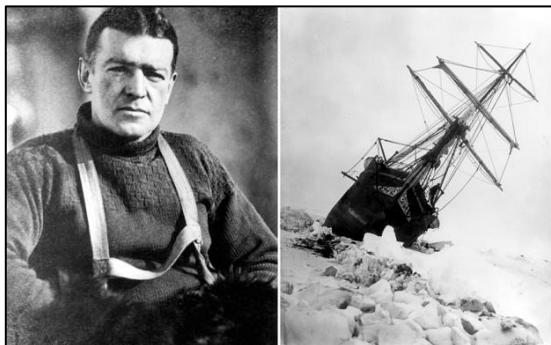




Akrotiri School
YEAR 6
Spring Term 1 2020 (Jan-Feb)
Peregrine and Eleonora Falcons classes



Our learning this term:

This half-term will begin with the **'Frozen Kingdom'** topic which we started before Christmas. The children will learn about the geographical features of the Polar Regions, in particular the remote continent of Antarctica. We will learn about the famous explorer, Ernest Shackleton, and follow the expedition which he led in 1914. The life of Shackleton will be the stimulus for some work on biographical writing. We will read examples of biographies, including Shackleton, before writing a biography of a fictional character.

Towards the end of January, we will start a new topic, **'A Child's War'**. This topic focuses on World War II, in particular through the eyes of children such as wartime evacuees. The World War II topic will provide the stimulus for much of our work in English. There will be a continual focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will also be reading stories and other texts, improving the children's comprehension skills and their ability to support their answers and ideas with evidence.

In Mathematics, the focus to begin with will be on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also continue to ensure that the children become more proficient in arithmetic and will give regular opportunities to improve the children's skills in this area.

Although the emphasis will be on English and Maths, the children will still have opportunities to learn in other subjects. In **P.E.**, the children will be doing swimming, games and gymnastics. In **Music**, the children will be working with Mr Kille (Cyprus Music Service) and will be exploring aspects of music through guitars. In **Art**, the children will do some paintings inspired by the late artist, Ted Harrison.

Homework:

The Spring Term for Year 6 is very important and the homework that we set is all intended to support and enhance the learning that the children do in school. We will continue to set tasks for English and mathematics using the various SATs Buster books which the children have been given.

Homework will usually be set on a Wednesday and returned completed by the following Tuesday.

On Thursdays and Fridays, starting from the 16th & 17th January, we are going to provide a time before school for children to come into school early to complete some of their homework. Attendance is optional – children can choose to come every week, occasionally or not come at all.

Thursdays - Mr Collins in his classroom, from 0720 hrs
Fridays – Mrs Humphries in her classroom, from 0720 hrs
Please send a message on Class Dojo if your child is going to attend so that we know to expect them.

Reading:

We will continue to emphasise the importance of reading at home and hope that the children will find this enjoyable and fulfilling. Our expectation continues that the children read for at least an hour a week, spread across four or more days. Ideally, children need to read for a sustained period of at least 15 minutes. We ask that the children continue to keep their reading journals up to date, including a brief reflection each week on what they have read.

P.E Kit:

This half-term, we are swimming on Thursdays and the children will need their P.E. kits on Mondays.