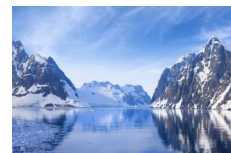




The Coldest Journey



Year 6—Autumn Term 2025

What's it all about?

This topic explores the coldest places on Earth—the polar regions. It will explore the effects that changes to climate have had on this area and the wider world. It seeks to explore current environmental issues with the children, a vital issue at the moment.



Geographers: We will be exploring the landscape of Antarctica and its climate. We will locate key features on maps. We will then complete a case study on the Weddell Sea before finishing with the effects of climate change on the polar regions.

Readers: We will be exploring 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill where we will find out about the event filled 'Endurance' expedition in 1915. This will be used to inspire all of our writing for the half term. We will also be reading an adventure story 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell in our destination reader sessions, a fantastic story set in the Amazon.

Spellers: We will be looking at suffixes when added to words ending in y (mystery –mysterious, heavy—heavier), the sh sound spelt ti or ci (direction, especially), and the sh sound spelt si or ssi (expansion, profession)

Writers: All our writing this half term links to 'Shackleton's Journey' our core text. We will start the topic with poetry based around the theme of the sea. We will imagine we are on the Endurance, Shackleton's ship, and write recounts of what we see and do. We will also be writing a non-chronological text on huskies and other polar creatures in the polar climate.

Mathematicians: We will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. At the end of the half term, we will be exploring co-ordinates, reflection and translation.

Scientists: We will be creating electric circuits and experimenting with different components within them.

Musicians: We will prepare and perform songs for the Christmas Carol Concert. We will explore the work of Lindsey Stirling and Tokio Myers to compare modern fusion genres.

Family Learning Ideas:

Watch David Attenborough's Frozen Planet II

Values

We will be focusing on the value of respect this half term.

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