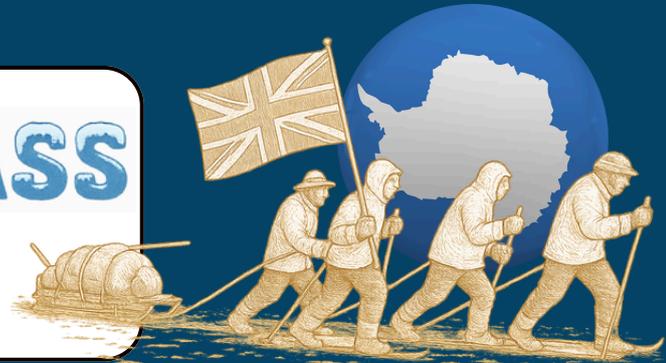




POLZEATH CLASS

Spring 2



Reading

Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and their ability to answer questions about what they've read. This half term our reading material will include a range of texts related to explorers and the race to the South Pole. To end the day, we share a carefully chosen book together as a class. This half term, we will continue to read, *Race To The Frozen North*.



Our Main Topic

Our big question for this term is
How do you survive an Antarctic expedition?

KS2 will be exploring the wonders of Antarctica through the eyes of an historian. They will investigate how people's lives have shaped this continent and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world. They will research a number of different polar explorers including Scott and the causes, key events, and outcomes of his race to the pole, and why it is considered a significant historical event.

English

This half term, we will use our topic on Antarctic exploration, and Warning stories to write exciting narrative pieces. Children will explore a range of spelling rules and grammar features. They will use what their characters say to give the reader insight into what these characters are thinking and feeling. Year 3 will become more confident with their use of speech marks and year 4 will consolidate their understanding of all the complex punctuation required for direct speech.

In non-fiction, we will focus on persuasive writing and the writing devices we can use to persuade our readers. We will write persuasive leaflets about protecting our environment and link this to the fragile Antarctic wilderness.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to focus on times tables to build fluency and confidence. Year 4 will focus on fractions and decimals this half term. They will learn to recognise equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and learn about tenths and hundredths. Year 3 will be finishing off their topic on division, learning a range of written methods, and will then move on to looking at length and perimeter, and fractions.



PE Days

Children in Polzeath Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities. This half term, Polzeath class will be covering rugby skills on Tuesday and gymnastics on Friday.

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to complete their weekly homework. It is wonderful to see so many children handing in homework every week. Please continue to take time to hear your child read and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress.

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.



If you have any questions, concerns or information about your child to share, please feel free to pop in for a chat—we are always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gill and Mrs Hewitt