



Townsend Primary School

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Dear Year 4 Parents/Guardians,

We are supporting our children with handwashing, distancing and ensuring that we all stay in our year bubbles. This has proved successful so far. We will be arranging a meeting in the playground with Mrs Stonell and myself. This will be a time for you to ask questions and I look forward to meeting you all.

This term we are excited because our learning will focus on the lives and achievements of some arctic explorers. Notably Sir Ernest Shackleton and Matthew Henson. We also have some exciting topics coming up across the curriculum. Read on for more information!

In **English** this term we will be reading the book 'Mathew Henson Polar Explorer'. The focus will be to write grammatically accurate sentences. We will develop our sentence level work to make our writing more creative and interesting for the reader. Later in the term we will be reading 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Here we will focus on instructional writing.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on the following key skills: number and place value (including decimals), addition, subtraction, mental methods for addition and subtraction, properties of 2D/3D shapes and angles, multiplication, division, fractions, time, money, length and perimeter.

In **Science** we will be learning about changing sounds, including how sound is made, pitch and vibration. In the second half term, we will be studying states of matter, which examines the properties of solids, liquids and gases. In addition, children will be learning about melting points and the impact of heating & cooling.

Homework

Your child will be given homework on a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child completes this homework and returns it to school by the following **Tuesday**. Your child will choose their own reading book. **Please ensure that you read with your child**, discuss their book and sign the reading journal at least three times every week.

PE

Tuesday (Outdoor) and **Thursday** (indoor)

* Children will need suitable clothing and footwear for these sessions.

Trips and visits have been cancelled until further notice.

Please ensure that your children come to school with appropriate clothing, especially when the cold weather starts. Please make sure that all your child's clothing has their name written in them.

PPA

On **Thursday afternoons**, the children will be taught by a different teacher. This is because all teachers have one afternoon a week out of class to plan effective lessons for the following week. If you would like to discuss this any of the above information, please do come to the meeting or email Fatima.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Hamilton and Violet