

Year 5 Blake (Autumn): Epic Journeys

Epic Journeys: through our core texts and linked history and geography curriculum, we will learn how to prepare ourselves to face challenging tasks and be successful in difficult situations.

English:

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

This witty, heart-warming novel follows the successes and failures of a very unusual boy as he searches for friendship and acceptance.

Readers will reflect on the choices characters make and how they contribute to the story as well as the impact of language choices on how we view events that occur in the tale.

The adventures of Bradley will provide a stimulus for diaries, recounts, letters and persuasive writing.

History and Geography:

The theme of Epic Journeys is the lens through which children will examine harsh environments on Earth as well as the adventures and achievements of those who have explored them. Particular attention will be paid to the explorations of Ernest Shackleton and the crew of the *Endurance*, whose preparation and persistence led to their unlikely survival.

Our value this term is 'aspiration'.

Mathematics:

Children will learn to confidently work with numbers from 1000 to one million. They will become comfortable reading and writing larger numbers, count forward and back in set amounts, and compare and order numbers by place value. They will also become skilled at rounding numbers to one million.

Children will also become familiar with negative numbers and work with Roman Numerals.

Home learning:

Children will focus on their chosen reading book, which will be taken home on Tuesdays and returned to school on the following Tuesday. Children should also engage with TT Rockstars Times Tables. Other work to be completed at home may be assigned as needed.

What uncharted frontier would you explore? How would you prepare yourself?

Science:

Materials

Using the high-quality resources we have sourced through Empiribox, children will investigate how geological forces create sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks. With frequent opportunities to handle beautiful examples of each type, students will learn to recognise the properties of the different kinds of rock and explain how they are formed.

Art:

Year Five will appreciate the beautiful seaside-themed watercolours of John Lawrence. Inspired by this, children will develop watercolour painting techniques such as applying washes, using gradients and colour blending, and employing drybrush strokes to produce evocative and colourful results.

PE:

Outdoor PE this term will focus on invasion games; indoor PE will be gymnastics. PE days are on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. On those days, children should arrive at school in PE kit. For your child's comfort, please ensure that the kit suits the weather.

Computing:

Year 5 will learn to use coding to give instructions to software.