



St Mark's CE Primary School

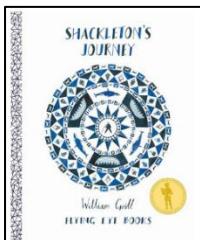
Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 1

For this half term, Year 5 will be focusing on geography and trying to answer the question, **“North and South America: how diverse are their places and landscapes?”** Throughout the topic, we will be locating countries in North and South America using maps, learning about the climates of these countries, their physical and human geography, economic activities and then finally planning a journey through the Americas.

English

This term, Year 5 will be using the book **Shackleton's Journey and Antarctica** as an inspiration for our writing. We will be concentrating on non-chronological reports as well as writing poetry.



Reading

All children are expected to read **5 times a week** at home. Their reading diary should be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read. It is very important that children develop their reading skills as it helps them with **spelling, vocabulary** and opens a whole new world of books they can enjoy! If you forget your reading book, please choose another book you have at home such as a comic, recipe book or magazine – all reading counts!

Science

Our science topic for this half term is **“How do forces make things move or stay still?”**

During the term we will conduct a variety of experiments to investigate a range of forces including gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance.

Maths

This term we will be concentrating on **fractions**. Our work will include ordering fractions, finding equivalent fractions, identifying proper and improper fractions and then converting between the two.

P.E.

PE will take place on a **Thursday morning**. On these days, children should come to school in PE kit, which is: **plain white t-shirt** (no football shirts or designs), **black shorts or jogging trousers** (no leggings for girls) and suitable **trainers**.