


Date: 19th January 2024

Year 2

This week in Year 2
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Weekly Learning Letter

We have been learning about Antarctic expeditions.



In 1911 Captain Robert Scott set off on the 'Terra Nova Expedition'. He wanted to be the first person to reach the South Pole. He had tried to do this before, but he had failed. Unfortunately, although he reached the South Pole on the 17th January 1912, he was beaten by Roald Amundsen from Norway. On the way back to his ship, Captain Scott and 4 of his team died.



In 1914 Ernest Shackleton set out on the 'Endurance Expedition'. He wanted to cross the vast continent of Antarctica and if he succeeded, he would be the first to do it.

We made expedition biscuits to take with us on our travels to Antarctica. Some people liked them, others didn't!

If you want to make them at home, here is a link to the recipe:

https://www.coolantarctica.com/schools/antarctic_sledging_biscuit_recipe.php

English:

We have continued reading the story of 'Ponko and the South Pole' by Meredith Hooper. We have focused on making predictions and summarising what we have read.

Phonics / Spellings:

We will be focussing on these words which we sometimes make mistakes with:

- when
- went
- they
- could
- should
- would

Maths / Number:



We have continued to practise addition and subtraction crossing 10:

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e.g. $34 + 27$

$45 - 19$

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We have looked at problems that ask us to 'find the total' and 'find the difference'.

Find the total of 23 and 35.

Find the difference between 23 and 35?

What strategy will you use to solve the problems?

Can you write them as a calculation?

Is the answer going to be larger or smaller?

Reading:

Remember to read every night (someone can read to you, you can read, or you can take it in turns). Can you make predictions about what you think is going to happen? Can you summarise what you have read?

Challenge: Can you summarise what you have read in 20 words!

Home learning ideas:

This activity helps you to use your observational skills.

Choose an object from your home. Can you draw it using a continuous line?

Remember you cannot take your pencil/pen off the paper.

Challenge: choose an area of a room, e.g. the kitchen counter. Draw the area using a continuous line.

Forthcoming events / trips (science week, parents evening, school trip etc.):



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Parents evening - week beginning 22nd January

Monday 29th January 2024 - in school educational visit – Institute of Imagination

(Please save any used tea bags, coffee grounds, plants, flowers, fruit and veg scraps and bring them in on the day.)

Educational visit to Dulwich College

- **Thursday 1st February 2024** – Shona's and Sarah's Class
- **Tuesday 6th February 2024** – Kate's Class

Educational visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum

- **Friday 8th March 2024** – Shona's and Sarah's Class
- **Friday 22nd March 2024** – Kate's Class

School website: School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

Happy learning!

Kate, Sarah and Shona