## Weekly Learning Letter

We have been learning about Shackleton's Endurance expedition to Antarctica. The expedition begun in 1914 and the Endurance crew returned in 1917. We made a timeline of the key events and looked at artefacts.



- What do you think this was used for?
- What is it made from?
- Why was it important for the explorers?

#### **English:**

In English we have we have been planning and writing our own versions of 'Ponko and the South Pole' by Meredith Hooper. We have changed some of the characters and used other Antarctic animals.

### **Phonics / Spellings:**

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

- who
- whole
- any
- many
- clothes
- busy

### Maths / Number:

We have been comparing number sentence:

Is 45 + 16 greater than, less than, or equal to 45 – 16?

Why?

And finding the missing number in a calculation:



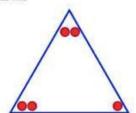
## Trythis maths investigation at home: Weekly Learning Letter

## **Dotty triangle corners**

Children use trial and improvement to find different ways of making a given total by adding three numbers.

#### Draw a large triangle on a piece of paper

Take 5 counters and arrange them on the triangle so that there is at least one counter in each corner like this:



Use different small objects instead of counters: sticks, Lego pieces, buttons...

Write the matching addition calculations: 2 + 2 + 1 = 5 What other calculations can you write to match this arrangement?

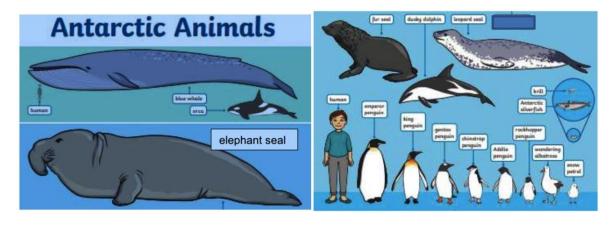
Try with 7 counters and write the calculations.

## 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?

## **Home learning ideas:**

What is your favourite Antarctic animal? Can you find out some exciting facts about it?





# Please save any used tea bags, coffee grounds, plants, flowers, fruit and vegetter and bring them in on Monday.

#### Forthcoming events / trips:

Educational visit to Dulwich College

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Kate's Class

#### **School website: School website**

Please do <u>visit our website</u>, you can find details of forthcoming events on the <u>calendar</u> (& 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 <u>photo gallery</u>, read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the <u>school news</u> section and much, much more!

Happy learning!

Kate, Sarah and Shona