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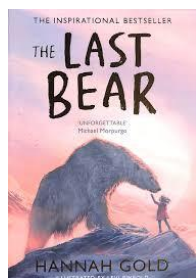
Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

Year 4 has had a fantastic start to the Autumn 2 term, with lots of exciting learning happening across the curriculum. In this newsletter, we'll share what we've been working on and what's planned for the rest of the term!

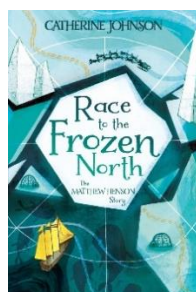
Maths

In maths, we have been learning to use strategies to support our calculations to find the area of a shape. We will be moving on to methods for multiplication and division shortly and this will remain our focus for the remainder of the term. Along the way, there will be problem-solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term.



Literacy

Our writing stimulus, to begin this term, has been 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. We have been writing a diary entry, from the perspective of April, after she finds out that she will be moving to Bear Island! Following this, we will create setting descriptions of Bear Island (in the Arctic Circle).



Reading

During our reading sessions, we have begun reading 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson. This is an adventure story about an incredible man named Matthew Henson. It tells his treacherous journey to the North Pole. We have been using VIPERS to support our understanding of this text.

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise





Class Novel

We will continue with our class novel from last term, 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. The children are absolutely loving this text and are already asking for the second book in the series to be the class novel for next term.



Science

In Science, we're exploring the wonders of sound! We will investigate how sounds are created, exploring the role of vibrations and how they travel through different materials to reach our ears. We will discover patterns in pitch and volume, learning how the size and strength of vibrations affect what we hear. Finally, we'll observe how sound fades with distance.



The Wider Curriculum In Design & Technology, we will learn about the suitability of materials for clothing to be used in cold regions, such as the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be making some mittens using sewing skills and our knowledge of materials to design and construct a functional product. In Geography, we are focusing on the Polar regions and mapping the world using lines of longitude and latitude, hemispheres, meridians, tropics and the Equator. In RE, we have continued with our learning about Hinduism, focusing on Brahman, the supreme soul, and its three main forms: Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the preserver), and Shiva (the destroyer). We'll explore how Hindus pray to different gods for various needs and how these deities represent Brahman.

Arctic and Antarctica Workshop

On Monday 18th November, we will be welcoming 'One Day Creative' for a workshop exploring our Geography topic. Using imagination and drama, we'll compare the Arctic and Antarctica, focusing on their physical features compared to the UK.

PE Days

Swimming lessons have continued on Wednesday mornings for both classes. Cricket lessons have begun on Thursday afternoons. The children will need to wear trainers, warm and comfortable clothes on these days, please!

If you have any questions, please contact us through the office at hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk, and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,
Mrs Jones & Miss Cole