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Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 4

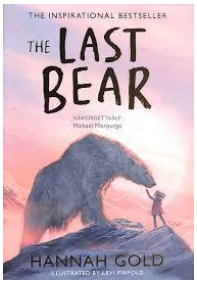
Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn 2 half term. We hope you had a restful or exciting half term break! Year 4 has lots of exciting learning happening across the curriculum. In this newsletter, we'll share what's planned for the term!

Maths

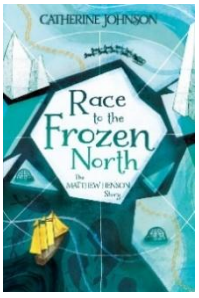
In maths, we are learning to use strategies to find the area of a shape. We will be moving on to methods for multiplication and division. This will remain our focus for the remainder of the term. Along the way, there will be challenging problem-solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term. Alongside this newsletter, we are providing White Rose workbooks to help consolidate learning taking place in class. Please also continue practising times tables at home, up to 12 x 12.

Literacy



To begin this term, we are writing a fact file to help readers who keep confusing the Arctic and Antarctica. Hopefully after reading our fact files, they'll have it sorted for good! Following this, our writing stimulus will be *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. Your child is welcome to bring in a personal copy to follow along, but there is no expectation for them to do so.

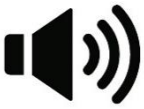
Reading



During our reading sessions, we are reading Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson. This is an adventure story about an incredible man named Matthew Henson. It tells of his treacherous journey to the North Pole.

The Wider Curriculum

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.



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 are continuing 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.

PE

Swimming lessons continue until Easter on Wednesdays. We will also be learning dance this term

Key dates

w/c 22nd November - Assessment week

Friday 27th November – Roman Day! 2:30 pm assembly to parents

Look out for more information about the Christmas performance dates and times as well as other exciting treats!

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

All the best to you and your families,

Ms Thorn and Mrs Gambier

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