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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term! As you probably have already been told, our topic this term is **Extreme Earth**. This topic will encompass the ideas and interests of the children with the following smaller units of work: Volcanoes and Mountains; the North and South Pole (including Shackleton's adventure to Antarctica); rainforests; and hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions. We are also really fortunate to have Harry Harms, a student teacher from the University of Chichester joining us for 10 weeks to teach and support our class- I'm sure most of you have met him by now!

We also plan to incorporate a trip into our topic this term to engage the interests of the children in our Extreme Earth topic- I did suggest a week long residential to the tundra regions of Alaska, but sadly budget did not allow this to happen- so we are looking to go the science museum in Winchester instead.

As said earlier, we are going to be mainly focussing on Shackleton's trip to the Antarctic in our literacy lessons, which so far the children have really enjoyed and become very interested, so much so that some children are going away and doing their own research in their own time, which is fantastic. One of our children also bought in wonderful and authentic marine navigational tool, called a sextant, similar to the one Shackleton used on his journey, which was really interesting to see. If anybody has any similar items or anything connected to Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic, or indeed anything connected to South or North pole at all we would love to see them.

Finally, we are continuing to hand out spellings once a week (on a Monday) and times tables (given out on a Friday), please also ensure that you try and read with you children as often as possible- the children now get Dojo points every time this happens.

I think that's all from me, if anyone has any questions or concerns my door is always open or you can catch me on the playground at the end of school.

As you can see an exciting and busy term ahead, with lots of thrilling new things to enjoy!

Please can you listen to your child read as much as possible and practice their spellings and times tables. If you ever have any concerns, please do pop in and talk to me.

Thank you!

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