



# Northenden Community School

## Curriculum Information for Parents



**Class** Year 3 (Mrs Baydemir)  
**Term** Spring 1 (6 weeks)  
**Theme** Who lives in Antarctica?

### THE BIG IDEA

In this unit, children investigate the remote continent of Antarctica, its unique physical features and human interactions. Pupils learn that while no one lives in Antarctica permanently, scientists and tourists visit, and that the continent experiences harsh climates, blizzards, and even has an active volcano. Children build geographical understanding through global context and inquiry-based learning.

### BASIC SKILLS in ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING/ICT



#### In **READING** lessons, the children will ...

- Develop reading and understanding through inference and deduction
- Revise and learn new vocabulary and practise using it in a context
- Retrieve and record information using fiction and non-fiction texts



#### In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...

- take a close look at *The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish* and create story timelines
- find out how to plan and write a non-chronological report and a story
- use paragraphs to organise information
- use adverbials of time and manner to bring their own stories to life



#### In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will

- Continue working on multiplication and division
- Multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers
- Explore length and perimeter



#### In **COMPUTING** lessons, the children will

- Go on a journey inside a computer
- Learn about online safety

## OTHER SUBJECTS (our topic has a HISTORY and ART focus)



### SCIENCE we will ...

- Learn about animals including humans,
- Explore the bones and muscles and our body,
- Find out about the importance of nutrition and a balanced diet,



### GEOGRAPHY we will ...

- Find out about the lines of latitude,
- Describe the location and physical features of Antarctica,
- Learn about Shackleton's route to Antarctica using four-figure grid references,
- Use compass points to plan an expedition around school



### In ART we will ...

- Focus on prehistoric painting



### In MUSIC we will ...

- Find out about pentatonic melodies and compositions



### In PSHCE we will ...

- Focus on mental and emotional health,
- Learn to name our feelings,
- Explore how our actions and choices affect others,



### In RELIGIOUS EDUCATION we will ...

- Explore the significance of some scriptures



### PE lessons will take place on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS

#### In our MONDAY PE lessons, the children will:

- Work on their cricket skills

#### In our THURSDAY PE lessons, the children will:

- Work on their gymnastics and dance skills

### OTHER INFORMATION



- Homework will be set every Friday and marked every Tuesday,
- Reading books can be changed daily,
- Spellings can be found in homework books every Friday for a quiz the following week,



### YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- listening to them read on a daily basis
- ensuring all homework is completed in a timely manner and to the best of their ability
- encouraging them to practise their times tables regularly using TTRS