



## Purple Class Half Termly Newsletter Spring 1



**English:** In English we will be reading 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. We will also be using the book 'The Polar Bear Explorers Club' to look at using dialogue to show character. We will finish the half term by looking at snow poetry.

**Maths:** In Maths we will be focussing on Ratio - scale factors, ratio and fractions and ratio problems. We will also look at Decimals with the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and Algebra - expressions, equations, 1 and 2 step functions.

**Science:** In Science we will be learning about the human circulatory system and the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also look at diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle and how they effect the way our bodies function.

**Geography:** In Geography we will be learning about Ernest Shackleton. We will look at his expeditions and all the geological features of his destinations.

**Key Information:** PE lessons are every **Week** and full kits should be in school for these lessons. To see what we will be learning about in class this year and other information such as PE kits etc. please visit our school website <http://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk/> and navigate towards the Purple Class tab. Newsletters are also archived here. There is also a calendar of events on the website. If you do not have internet access or cannot use this website for any reason, then please call the office.

### Topic:

**Would Ernest Shackleton plan differently if he had to explore The Sahara Desert?**



**RE:** In RE we will be exploring the question 'Why do Hindus want to be good?' Through this unit the children will build on their understanding of the Hindu worldview and dharma. They will hear and interpret the story of 'man in the well' from the Mahabharata and investigate the key concepts of Karma, Dharma and Samsara.

**Homework:** Homework will be set every **Friday** and must be returned the following **Wednesday**. This includes reading books which need to be returned to be changed. We encourage all parents to support their child with their homework if needed and to listen to their child read at home. Spelling tests and Arithmetic test are on **Fridays**.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we will be learning about how the media influences people. Some areas we will explore are how reliable online content and media are, how media targets different people and recognising what is safe and unsafe content online and what to do about it.

**Computing:** In Computing we will be looking at spreadsheets. We will learn how to navigate and use a spreadsheet and use them to help us calculate the items and data from a sale.

**PE:** In PE the children will develop and apply their stance and footwork through focused skill development sessions.

**Art:** In Art we will look at sculpture. We will be creating a model set for an animation considering character, setting, mood and narrative.

**French:** In French we will continue to learn French terms and vocabulary and use them in everyday situations and scenarios.