

# The Wild Things

Spring 1

## What a 'ROARsome' start to 2024!

The children have all returned to school with an extra bit of bounce in their step, Miss Cameron, Miss K-M and I are thrilled to be the new Year 4 team. We are working closely together to make sure that there is consistency for the children and that routines are the same for continuity and we will look at how to make things even better as we progress through the year. As always our door is open for any concerns or thoughts you have about your child. The sooner it comes to us the quicker we can deal with it. If you can't do it in person then remember seesaw or the [admin@riccall.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@riccall.n-yorks.sch.uk) email address with NW/RC as the subject

### Chill in the air

Our theme for this half term is a GEOGRAPHY focus. We are following in the footsteps of Shackleton as we aim to explore ANTARTICA. What does it take to live in a place like this?

### Frozen Curriculum

English will allow us to get creative and write stories based in this hostile place. Our guided reading will give us lots more detail to add into our work. Outdoor Education will give the children chance to become the next Greta Thunberg as they look at climate change. Science focus is on the natural world and how living things adapt to their environment. Our OE means we can discuss the melting polar ice caps and what affect this will have on us all. Maths will see us looking at our multiplication and division strategies in preparation for the year 4 multiplication check. In the last 2 weeks we are revisiting length and perimeter.

### Notices

Miss Cameron will be doing **PE on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY**. The children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. As it is the start of the year the focus is on improving our health after all the christmas indulgence!

The children will be looking at how to improve their general fitness and then introducing them to Yoga. Miss Cameron will look at sharing the yoga poses on seesaw. Give it a try as a family!

**Outdoor Education will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will be in kits but they will also need warm and waterproof clothing and footwear. We are studying the climate and it is definitely not tropical.**

READING - good readers make good writers - that's a fact! Our children should be reading AT LEAST 3 x a week and one of those should be bug club. We have lots of books to choose from in school.

### And finally...

Mrs Wilson will be looking at hopes and dreams in our PSHE lessons. Talk to your children about what YOUR hopes and dreams were at their age. Did they all come true? How did you get to where you are today?

The team will be posting additional bits on seesaw - these are to extend what we have done in class and are a way to link home and school so, you will be able to get involved. These are not compulsory but will make great things to do if your child is at a loose end...

*We are ready to make a 'howling' success of the  
Spring term - The Year 4 Team*