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How does the resilience of Antarctic explorers inspire us today?



Why This? Why Now?

This topic builds on the previous learning of significant people and how they have contributed to life today. The children previously studied Florence Nightingale and the positive impact she had; this topic will further encourage their core values and understanding of significant historical events which were made possible through hard work and determination.

This area of research helps to embed the children's understanding of Normanby Primary's STAR Values:

- Self-belief and determination
- Teamwork and kindness
- Achievement and success
- Respect

English -National Curriculum / Skills	OVERVIEW
Sentence structure and text structure:	
	To write a non-chronological report about Antarctic Explorers
 Use subordination (when, if, but, because) 	
Correct use of tense (past & present)	Research and present findings about the skills Antarctic Explorers need to complete their journey such as: sailing, climbing, navigating etc.
Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:	
	Write a biography about Ernest Shackleton
 Writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others 	
(real and fictional)	Write a descriptive narrative about an Antarctic setting
Writing about real events	
Writing for different purposes	Create a diary entry in the role of Sophie Scott



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Consider what they	are going to write	before beginning by:
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- Planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
- Writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary, encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence

Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:

- Evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils
- Re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]

Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear

Make an information leaflet about why it is important to look after the planet

Whole class reading:

Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester

The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out by Jill Tomlinson

Let's Save Antarctica: Why we must protect our planet by Catherine Barr

History – National Curriculum / Skills	OVERVIEW
To know where the people and events studied fit within a chronological	
framework. To place periods of History studied on a timeline	Research Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic and how he adapted his plan accordingly.
To develop an awareness of the passing time (using common words relating to the passing of time)	Researching life as an Antarctic explorer
To identify different ways artefacts can represent the past	Identify the kit needed for an expedition
Children make comparisons between significant figures in the past, such as: Ernest Shackleton, Roald Adamson, Sir Ranolph Fiennes, Sir James Clark Ross.	Compare and contrast to a modern day explorer such as Mae Jemison



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To use a wide range of vocabulary of everyday historical terms. Can use words such as before, after, past, present, then and now		
Science	OVERVIEW	
Living Things		
Describe how different plants and animals are suited to different habitats	Children create a non-chronological report about animals living in Antarctica	
Name different plants and animals	and how they adapt to suit their environment, comparing them to anim that live in other climates	
Describe how animals get their food from other animals and/or from plants, and use simple food chains to describe these relationships		
Geography	OVERVIEW	
Name and locate the seven continents and the five oceans.	Label the seven continents and five oceans on a world map	
Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and location and directional language to describe the features on a map.	Plot Antarctic explorer's journeys with reference to compass directions (North, East, South, West)	
PSHE – National Curriculum / Skills	OVERVIEW	
Mental wellbeing: different emotions and why that is important		
Feelings and attitudes: good and bad changes and why that can worry us	Children explore the emotions felt by explorers on their journeys	

Debate & Discussion Opportunities	Trips & Experiences	Possible Linked Texts
What is resilience?	Meet a real life explorer living in Svalbard!	Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester
What is determination?	Hartlepool Marina – HMS Trincomalee	



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Why must we protect our planet? How does working as a team change outcomes?

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Supporting Your Child at Home

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-eyfs-ks1-go-jetters-continent-of-antarctica/zj9c382

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key stage one/ks1 history/south pole explorers/south pole explorers.html