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Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term despite the strangeness of the times.

We have appreciated the work you have been doing with the children and the feedback you have sent us; it is important that we all keep going, as best as possible, with their learning journey. We hope there has been a good variety of activities going out and some useful suggestions for some online work, if possible.

This half term our Topic is called Exploration, the overview is attached to this letter. We will be focusing on modern day explorers, such as Shackleton and Armstrong, and finding out about Space, the Solar System and different regions of the planet Earth.

Our class books this term will be Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper, and One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh. We will be using these semi-biographical texts to generate ideas for diary writing. Additionally we will be creating space poetry to be presented and shared. We have suggested an online story book of the Shackleton story which is free and you don't have to download.

Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (5 times a week would be ideal) and practice times tables and learning the time.

The family homework we have suggested is to write a biography of an explorer (other than Shackleton or Armstrong). It must include facts and details of the explorer's successes and failures. The homework must be in by Monday 13th July.

If and when we return term, we will try and do some outdoor learning and PE so please make sure your child has sun-cream or a hat; in addition, they must have their own water bottle.

We break Up – Friday 24th July at 3pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Adams, Mr Giles and the rest of the Year 5 team