



# Selside Endowed Church of England School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. This term our topic is called 'Into the Unknown', linking with our value of courage. We are looking forward to investigating what lives in the bog and the beck, how animals are adapted to their habitats and building bug houses, learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to the South Pole and imagining what it might have been like to be a member of his crew. This term is looking busy already with lots of exciting opportunities planned for the class, including our residential later in the term.

As some of you will know, at the end of last term I attended a training course to deliver a mindfulness course called 'The Present' in school. I will start to share this with the children this term and have attached some details for your information.

Maths and English will continue to be taught every morning and the afternoons will be cross-curricular and closely linked to our topic. Mrs Voke will continue to support us with our learning on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will also lead Independent Learning on Wednesday afternoons. P.E will continue to be taught by Mrs Jones. These P.E. sessions will still be on Thursday afternoons one week, and Monday afternoons on the other. Next week P.E will be on Thursday but please can children have their PE kit and trainers in school every day.

Outdoor Learning is still timetabled for Friday afternoons, but as with PE kit please can children have wellies and waterproofs in school at all times to enable us to take our learning outside if the opportunity arises during the day. As the weather improves please can I also request that children have a water bottle and sun hat/cap in school and that sun cream is applied before school if needed.

What you can do to help at home:

- support your child with their reading by listening to them read and talking to them about their book. Please encourage your child to record their reading in their journals.
- practise weekly spellings (tested and changed on Wednesday) and use Spelling Shed
- practise times tables and telling the time
- Maths and English homework tasks (set on Thursdays, handed in on Wednesday mornings).
- use Mathletics. Sometimes the children will have targeted work linked to our learning in class which I have set them, other times they can choose a section or use Live Mathletics.

We are looking for parent volunteers to share our reading books with or help us with our gardening, either regularly or on an ad hoc basis. Please let me know if you can help, or if you have any special talents you would like to share.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please pop in or telephone. Thank you for your help and continued support.

Best wishes,

*Anna Young*

