

'Shackleton's Journey'. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight, including those that we will learn about through reading 'The Wolf Wilder' by Kathrine Rundell. Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly iceberg that hides deep beneath the Ocean. Wrap up well and settle by the fire.

Spring Term 2 – Tales of Terror (Author Study)

Prepare yourself... this half term we become authors of horror as we read well known terrifying tales from Roald Dahl and Anthony Horowitz. A heated debate takes the forefront of this topic, as we read the story 'Lamb to the Slaughter'. In this fictional story, a well-known police officer is murdered in the comfort of his own home. Initially, we investigate who the suspects could be and what their motives are. Once we have discovered who the murderer is, we question and debate whether they had good cause to commit this heinous crime! Not only this but we learn about how author Anthony Horowitz creates shock, suspense and shivers in his short stories 'The Night Bus' and 'The Man with the Yellow Face'. It's gory, it's gruesome and it's horrifying – filled with stories to remember.

Summer Term 1 – Africa

Let's visit Africa, both past and present day. Here we will learn about the development of the slave trade and explore the role that Great Britain played in it. We will also investigate the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and reflect upon important facts around the plantation system; the loss of freedom, family and culture, and working and living conditions. Furthermore, we will investigate what actions led to the abolition of slavery and through reading our key text 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson, we will learn about a boy's experience of slavery in Britain. With a heavy focus on art this half term, we will learn about significant black artists and create artwork inspired by them.

Summer Term 2 – Hola Mexico!

Let us introduce you to life in the Mayan civilisation, which existed in Central America around 1,000 years ago. Come on the journey with us and learn about their unique pyramids, buildings and food, including the importance of maize to their civilisation. You will learn how to tell the status of a person by the headdress that he wore, and learn the rules of Mayan football! (Very different to the football game we know!) This theme allows us to explore Mayan art, food and culture in a range of exciting and creative ways!