



# Shackleton Class



Summer 1, 2025 Year One Newsletter **Kirk Fenton**  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to summer term! We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to catch us at the door or email the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our door is always open!

## Dates for your diary

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Break up for half term

W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Check Week &

Fieldwork Week

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Class trip to Castle Museum. More info to follow.

## Reminders

Please, please make sure that your child's jumpers, cardigans and hoodies are named. We regularly have several unnamed items left in the classroom.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day as the weather gets warmer.

## What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'How does your garden grow?' In Science, we will be looking at the world around us and learning about plants and trees. We will be growing cress, broad beans and sunflower seeds. In English, we will be continuing our Curious Quests Adventures using some of the books below. In Design and Technology, we will be designing, making and evaluating our very own bog babies from felt. We will be finding out about some extraordinary explorers in History.

Our focus texts are:



Our class novels are:



## PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements.

## Things to remember

Every Monday:-

- Book Changing Day - send books to be changed.
- Bring in Challenge book

## Homework

Our weekly homework expectation is for your child to:

Complete a minimum of 20 minutes a week on



Complete the 5 weekly assignments set on



Read their school reading book daily with an adult.

‘Little and often is best’.

## Phonics

This half term, we will continue to learn new phase 5 alternative sounds and spellings.

We will also be recapping all phases of phonics in preparation for phonics screening in June.

Reading and spelling of all Reception and Year 1 words will also be a big focus in preparation for Year 2. We are currently doing assessments and will send details of ways you can help your child over the next couple of weeks.

### Challenge Books

Challenge books will be sent home each Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. In the lead up to Phonics Screening W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June the main focus will be to practise reading real and alien words.

## Maths

This half term we will be learning about Multiplication & Division. We will also be finding out about Fractions and Position and Direction.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are:

To know odd & even numbers to 20

To recognise numbers to 50

To count in 2's to 20, 5's to 50 and 10's to 100

## Our Christian Values

Our Christian values this half term are  
Forgiveness & respect

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.”  
- Desmond Tutu .



Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16  
From Mrs Slater, Mrs Keetley, Mrs Hillyer, Mrs Peace and  
Mrs Walton

