**BROADMEADOW JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**SPRING TERM 2019 SYNOPSIS OF WORK FOR YEAR FOUR**

**Imaginative Learning Projects**

Our Imaginative Learning Project this term is Expedition and for the first half term we will be following Shackleton on his journey of discovery to Antarctica and the South Pole. We will find out about different aspects of the continent of Antarctica as well as having a focus on Animals, including prey and predators.

In the second half of our project we will continue our focus on exploring the world that we in. We will have a particular focus on human impact on our world, how our world is changing and children will learn about how small changes, such as recycling, can make a difference. By making links between our ILPs, English and Maths, we are encouraging children to develop, use and apply skills and previous learning, enabling greater independence and deeper learning.

**English and Maths**

Most of our English work and some of our Maths work will link to our Imaginative Learning Projects. The structure of Maths lessons will follow a mastery approach, allowing children to explore fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities. All children will receive an hour long lesson each day focusing on whole class teaching and mental strategies. This term, we will be covering geometry, place value, measurement, and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

English will be linked to our class text, Shackleton’s Journey. During the term, we will explore persuasive language, complete diary entries and use the information that we have discovered to write non-chronological reports. Lessons will have elements of spelling, grammar, punctuation, reading and writing, speaking and listening.

**Jigsaw**

This term, our Jigsaw focus is ‘Dreams and Goals’ followed by ‘Healthy Me’. We will learn about resilience, perseverance and team work. We will be creating artwork to use as part of a whole school display. We will also learn the importance of staying healthy.

**Homework Timetable**

Children have received a homework grid for the first half term which is full of interesting and exciting homework tasks relating to our Expedition project. Another grid will follow for the second part of the Spring term. Children can collect stars by completing tasks of their choice. Spellings are handed out on Thursdays, to be learnt ready for a test the following Thursday. You should also have received a hand out with each spelling pattern for the first half term.

Children will be expected to practise their times tables and to read regularly at home. Please can you support us by ensuring homework is completed and handed in, as this is good practice and an essential element of the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Sheldrick and Miss Case