



# Newsletter

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## Swan Newsletter



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Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break over the summer and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead! There will be many transition activities between Great Whelnetham and the various Upper Schools within the Bury Schools Partnership over the coming year.

Our topic for this half term will be 'Poles Apart' where we will explore their world through their understanding of the geography of the South Pole. We will be finding out about the Antarctic Explorer, Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions to the South Pole.

The children will continue be set a Maths task, an English task and weekly spellings. In addition to this, they will be given a half-termly project, linked to the topic we are studying in class, to be completed for the last week of that half term. English homework will normally be set on Wednesdays (to be handed in by the following Monday) and a maths task on Fridays (to be handed in by the following Wednesday). As year 6s, the children are expected to read daily, either independently or with an adult (20mins is recommended). Reading from a range of genres is encouraged e.g. Home/school readers, library books, newspapers, poetry, encyclopaedias, biographies and stories. We will be monitoring the children's recording of what they have read by checking their Reading Records on a regular basis. We would appreciate your support with this by checking and signing the diary over the weekend. Spellings will be given on Thursdays and tested on the following Thursday.

The children will be having games with Andy on Wednesday afternoons and P.E. on Thursdays. It is a requirement that no earrings are worn and long hair is tied back.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school on Monday morning that they will refill during the week. They will need wellies for when the weather turns inclement.

Finally, if you have any questions please feel free to pop in and see us before or after school.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Dunn

