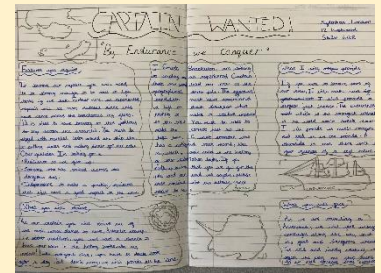


## Class 5 Spring 2 Newsletter

Wow! The second-half of Spring Term seems to have absolutely flown by, but then again, Year 6 have been working hard and keeping themselves very busy right up to the final few days. As such, we hope the children have a fun and restful holiday and return ready to make the most of their final term with us at Lea Endowed.

With the theme of 'Survival!' continuing, in English we have enjoyed learning about Sir Ernest Shackleton and how he led his crew to safety from the frozen wastes of Antarctica. People spoke more formally back in 1914, and Class 5 have become experts in using the subjunctive form when writing letters to persuade Ernest why they would make a great member of his team. Following this, they then created a newspaper advertisement to attract a captain for his ship, the Endurance.



While the weather in Antarctica is extreme, the children have been learning about other forms of extreme weather across the globe, such as tropical storms, earthquakes and tsunamis. Did you know that storms are named depending upon the ocean where they are formed? Pacific = Typhoon; Atlantic = Hurricane; Indian = Cyclone. We feel fortunate that we only experience the final, much less intense moments of these storms in Preston.

We have been enjoying a break from fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths this term, instead having a focus on shape via area, perimeter, volume and angles. Alongside this, all of the children in Class 5 have continued to make amazing progress in their arithmetic skills and are closer than ever to hitting the maximum score of 40/40! If you have ever tried one of the past arithmetic papers, you will know what an achievement this is.

Sculpture has been our Art topic this term and this has challenged the children's (and Miss Watson's) creativity and resilience in equal measure. Constructing the wire framework was a breeze compared with applying the Mod Roc to form the desired shape. Max was inspired by Ted Hughes' 'The Iron Man' for his design – Well done Max!



Despite the poor weather, Class 5 have been keeping active this term while learning to use forehand and backhand shots to direct the ball to their partner in tennis. I can't say that Novak Djokovic will be too worried – it is a tricky skill to master – but you have to start somewhere! Alongside this, we have enjoyed appreciating 70's disco songs in Music which culminated in the whole class learning some groovy dance moves - including the 'funky chicken'!

On that note, we wish you all a happy and restful Easter.

*Mr Pratley and Miss Watson.*

