

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Dear Acorns,

I hope this letter finds you all excited to embark on our next learning expedition! This half term, our topic is 'Survivors'. We will be looking closely at the life of Ernest Shackleton and his incredible survival story when adventuring into The Antarctic. As we start to learn more about Shackleton and his team, I wanted to suggest some creative home takeaway tasks that will surely bring the adventure to life.

1. **Write a Diary Entry:** Imagine you are one of the crew members aboard Shackleton's ship, the Endurance. Write a diary entry documenting a typical day on the journey. Feel free to get creative with your descriptions! Include details about the weather, the tasks you undertake, and your feelings during the expedition. Remember to use descriptive language and expressive vocabulary.
2. **Create an Artistic Map:** Design an artistic map showing the route taken by Shackleton and his crew. You can include key points such as the starting point, the different stages of the journey, and the final destination. Consider using drawings or symbols to represent important landmarks or events that occurred along the way. You can choose to make your map using paints, pencils, or even collage materials to make it visually engaging.
3. **Build a Model of a Sled:** Using materials found at home, construct a model sled similar to the ones used by Shackleton and his team during their expedition. You can use cardboard, lollipop sticks, or any other materials you can find that are suitable for the task. Try to simulate the features and dimensions of the sleds used during the trip.

Remember, these tasks are designed to be enjoyable, engaging, and to enhance your understanding of this incredible real-life adventure. Feel free to choose the task that you find most interesting or even complete all three if you are feeling particularly inspired!

If you have any questions or need any additional guidance, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Wishing you all the best in your creative endeavors. As with last half term's projects, please bring your creations in when they are ready, before the last day of the term, so we can enjoy them all!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Souadi