



Year 4 Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing half term and are feeling refreshed and ready for more exciting learning opportunities available in Spring Term 2.

Dates for your diaries:

- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- **Thursday 12th March** - Class Photos
- **Friday 13th March** - Sport Relief
- **Friday 13th March** - Swimathon
- **Wednesday 1st April** - Sponsored Walk
- **Friday 3rd April** - Sponsored Walk Reserve
- **Friday 3rd April** - Last Day of Term
- **Tuesday 21st April** - Summer Term Begins
- **Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May** - Scout Hut

Geography: Misty Mountain Sierra

High above the morning mists, imposing and eternal rocky peaks and outcrops stand proud. To begin, we will locate and name the continents, countries and famous mountain ranges of the world. We will then discover how these amazing giants are formed, as a fold or a block a dome or a plateau. Later, we will compare the heights of all these beautiful landforms by creating silhouette graphs. The water cycle's course from peak to valley will be explored through investigation and song. In Art and Design, we will create some weaving inspired by Adi tribe. We will come across the exceptional tribes of the hostile Himalayas and create fact files detailing their extraordinary lives.

English: The Abominables

In English, we will be studying the text driver 'The Abominables'. Each week, we will focus on Reading comprehension by exploring an allocated chapter of the text. We will be taught how to use the question in the answer to ensure everything makes sense. We will answer questions by retrieving, predicting and inferring. In writing, we will begin by studying word structure and order before learning how to layout and write a letter in role as a character. Key features will be explored and shared before the drafting and editing processes begin. For our second learning journey, we will be writing short narratives in the style of Eva Ibbotson set in a mountain range of our choice.

Maths:

We will begin the term on Chapter 5 Graphs where we will learn how to interpret and create picture and bar graphs. We will also be introduced to line graphs and how they are used to measure change over time. We will make predictions based on trends identified in data. In Chapter 6 (Fractions) we will be introduced to hundredths where we will learn about mixed number fractions and improper fractions. We will learn how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions before solving addition and subtraction word problems.

PE:

This half term indoor PE is Gymnastics and outdoor PE is Netball (external coach). Our P.E days are on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please ensure that on these days your child is wearing appropriate named school P.E kit.

R.E:

Our learning focus will be 'Christianity'. Our key question is; 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?' We will be exploring how we can all lead better lives no matter our religious beliefs by behaving acceptably. We will also explore the concept of forgiveness.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotion:

Our learning focus will be 'Healthy Me'. To begin we will learn how different friendship groups are found and discuss our place in these groups before studying and exploring group dynamics. We will also learn about healthy friendship and how to deal with peer pressure. We will learn the facts about smoking and its effects on health, before moving on to facts about alcohol and its effects on health, particularly the liver. We will learn to understand ourselves well enough to choose between right and wrong.

Music:

With Mrs Baker, we will be using our voices to create beautiful class performances containing multiple harmonies. We will learn the song 'Lean on Me'. We will also be learning Latin words related to how we sing e.g. crescendo.

Home Learning Ideas:

- We've talked about the Yeti... Now research other mysterious primates that have inspired people to search for them, such as Bigfoot, in the USA or the Yeren of China. Make 'Wanted' posters featuring an illustration of what you think they may look like.
- Research Mountain sports such as skiing, snowboarding, rock climbing or mountain biking. Choose one that excites you, and create a scrapbook of information and images. Feature the equipment or clothing needed and the world's best competitors in the sport. Perhaps you could join a class or club and try the sport out for yourself?
- Write a 'true or false?' quiz which includes amazing statements about mountains of the world.
- Choose one of the world's highest mountains and create a PowerPoint presentation all about it to show your class. Don't forget to include lots of interesting images and information!

Thank you for your continued support.

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