

Five Go Mountaineering

English

In writing this half term, the children will be developing skills taught and applying them to persuasive adverts and adventure narratives, which are set in mountain ranges of the world.

To support this we will continue to focus our punctuation and grammar on skills required for these writing genres.

We will also be working on presentation in writing across all curriculum areas.

Reading

In reading this half term, the children will be starting by looking at the fantasy, adventure story *The Windsinger*. They will be developing their skills of retrieval and inference from fiction texts. During the second part of the half term, we will be looking at non-fiction texts, focusing on mountains. The children will continue to develop their fact retrieval skills, including through the use of contents and index pages.

Children are expected to read at home at least **4 times a week for 30 minutes** and get their reading records signed ready to be checked on Monday.

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Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be beginning their learning on fractions.

Building on learning from Year 4, they will learn to compare and order fractions with differing denominators and add and subtract fractions.

We will also continue to use the four operations to problem solve.

Geography

In topic this half term, we will be learning about mountains. We start with our mountain adventure hook day, **Thursday 6th January, where we dress as mountain adventurers** and take part in various mountain related activities.

During the half term, we will take a journey around the world, looking at different types of mountains; how they are formed, measured and represented on a map as well as understanding why they are a tourist attraction for some who visit them.



Physical Education In indoor PE, the children will be continuing gymnastics

In outdoor PE, they will be focusing on outdoor adventurous activities including orienteering.

They will need PE kits in school on a Thursday.

Computing In computing, the children will be creating charts to compare the sizes of different mountains. They will then import these into infographics which they will create to share the information they have found out about mountains.

Music The children will be exploring rhythms using Bamboo Tamboos.

RE In RE, the children will be looking at Sikh stories and their relevance in life today.

Science This half term in science, we will be exploring plant and animal life cycles while observing differences between mammals, amphibians, birds and fish. We will also be looking at understanding the changes to humans as they develop to old age.

French In French, we will be learning about 'Hobbies'. In grammar, the children will be recognising conjugations and learning the correct spelling of present tense first person.

Jigsaw Our Jigsaw topic this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be looking at their dreams, goals and what they can do to achieve these.

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in **the following Wednesday**.

Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Weekly **spellings are set on a Wednesday** in the children's spelling books. These are to be completed ready for the **following Thursday**. Children will be tested on Friday.

Home Learning

The home learning project for this half term is to research and present something based on mountains or a mountain range that you are interested in!

Be as creative as you like, it could be a topographical map, a poster on the alps or even a cake mountain!

This is due Week beginning 7th February.

Article 29 - You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.