Year Five Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1

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 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. During the second part of the half term, the children will be looking at the fantasy, adventure story *The Wind Singer*. They will be developing their skills of retrieval and inference from fiction texts.

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week for 25 minutes and get their reading records signed ready to be checked on Monday.

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be building on their learning in Autumn term.

They will be applying their division skills with a focus on problem solving and reasoning. The children will develop their knowledge of factors and multiples.

They will also develop their fraction knowledge by converting between types of fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and multiplying them a whole number.

Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be learning about mountains.

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.

We will also combine geography and maths using graph work.

Focus author: Gill Lewis

Focus poet: Nikki Giovanni



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 <u>Wednesday</u> and <u>Friday</u>.

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 Tamboo's.

Religion and World views This term the children will be discovering Buddhism—exploring, How are Buddhist teachings interpreted by believers? And, is it possible to follow the eight fold path?

Science The children will be finding out about the properties of different materials. They will build on what they know about magnetism and electrical conductivity. They will explore transparency, hardness and solubility as well as carrying out a range of investigations into the uses of metals, wood and plastic.

French In French, we will be learning about sports. The children will consolidate the vocabulary associated with liking and disliking different sports.

PSHE Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Aspirations'. The children will be looking at their dreams, goals and what they can do to achieve these. They will also learn about the dreams and goals of different cultures.



Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday** on **Atom**, to be completed by the **following Wednesday**.

Please encourage your children to continue to use TTRockstars weekly.

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

Spellings will be set on a **Friday** and tested that week on **Thursday**.

Pink books must be handed in on a **Thursday**.

Reading

Year five's are expected to read their **Book Banded book** at least 4 times a week for 25 minutes.

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 topological map, a poster on the alps or even a cake mountain!

Due Week beginning 12th February.

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