

Year 4 SPRING 2: MISTY MOUNTAIN SIERRA

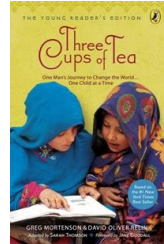
Curriculum Information

What your child is learning this half term

Literacy

Our curriculum this half term will be focusing on non-fiction texts. We will be writing our own biographies about famous mountaineers who have climbed the highest mountains in the world! We will also be exploring Poetry and creating our own Calligrams based on mountains.

At home, take your child to the local library and encourage them to find information on famous mountaineers.



RMSE

We will be learning about the meaning of forgiveness this half term. We will also be looking at what it means to be merciful and what religions say about this. Later in the term we will also be learning about the Easter festival.

At home, talk to your child about forgiveness and why it is important to forgive people.



Music

Year 4 will continue to develop their skills on their musical instruments this half term. 4P will continue on Cornets, 4H on Violins and 4B on Keyboards. The children will be moving on to learn new skills and pieces of music which they will be playing independently and as part of a group.

At home, encourage your child to talk about the skills they are developing and practise regularly!



PSHE

This half term, we will be learning about Healthy foods and discussing which foods are good and bad for us. We will also be learning about taking medicines when we are ill. We will look carefully at how to store and use medicine safely. In Business Enterprise, we will design and make a new product!

At home, encourage children to reflect on the food they eat every day and think of ways in which they can eat healthily.

Maths

In this half term, we will be working on our addition and subtraction skills. We will start by recapping the mental methods for addition and subtraction. We will then move on to learning the written methods for addition and subtraction. As well as this, we will present and interpret data from different graphs and charts.

At home, practise children's mental methods for addition and subtraction.

PE

This half term, the boys will start their swimming lessons. In weekly PE lessons, 4P will be learning about cricket, 4H will develop their skills in Rounders and 4B will be completing activities on Athletics.

At home, encourage children to practise the skills they have learnt in PE lessons.



Art/DT

In our Art and DT lessons, we will be developing our drawing skills by creating landscapes from our Malvern Hills Visit. We will also be looking at the work of Turner and then using paint to complete our landscapes.

At home, visit the local park or hill in the local area. Look at the landscape that you can see and allow children to practise their drawing skills.



Homework

Maths, Literacy and Science Homework is given out on Thursdays as well as their weekly spellings. Homework needs to be returned to school every Monday. Please ensure that you read with your child every day. Children can change their home reader book as soon as they finish it. We encourage all of our parents to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Please write your comments regularly in the reading record book.

Science

This half term, we will be learning more about the sounds around us. We will be thinking about how sounds are created and the parts of our bodies which help us to hear the information around us.

At home, explore different sounds which are heard in the world around us. Encourage your child to notice sounds in different environments such as in a house, on the road and in a shop etc.



Computing

This half term, we will be starting our new unit "We Are Co-Authors". In this unit, we will be planning our own wiki page. We will research information and then put this together to create our own wiki page about a topic.

At home, explore the Wikipedia website to see how information is displayed.

History/Geography

This half term we will be completing our new topic 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. We will be learning how to use a compass accurately and use maps to locate the different mountains around the world.

At home take your child to the library and allow them to find out about the highest mountains in the world and the countries that they are in.

Business Enterprise

This half term we will be planning a Social Enterprise project to make a positive change and help others. Year 4 will be planning a Talent Show to raise money for Mountain rescue England and Wales.

At home, discuss positive changes that your child can make in society. Encourage them to do things which help the community or the local environment.

Educational Visits

Wednesday 25th February: Malvern Hills Trip

Thursday 19th March 2015: Year 4 Talent Show



