

Literacy/GPS

Our literacy this term is centred around two texts: The first is the modern fairy tale 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' by Neil Gaiman. We will use the story as a starting point to explore the conventions of the genre and as inspiration for our own creative writing. The second text is 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. This contemporary novel about a child's escape from occupied Tibet across the Himalayas perfectly fits our mountains theme this term. Through the novel we will study setting and character, as well as a story's ability to present social issues.

Maths

In mathematics, we will be covering statistics, calculation, fractions and measurement. We will support the children's development of fluency and reasoning in mathematics through problem solving and practical activities across the curriculum.

Science

This term we will be covering 'properties and changes in materials' and 'living things including humans'. We will explore the properties of different materials and how they can be altered using reversible and irreversible changes.

RE

The first topic this term explores how different faiths mark special times in the a person's life. It will include a look at how Muslims welcome a new child and weddings within the Jewish and Hindu faiths. Our second topic will compare and contrast how a variety of different faiths regard God.

PE

This term our focus will be striking and fielding games — specifically rounders and cricket. Children will develop their throwing and catching techniques, as well as learning the rules of the games. We will also be taking part in house games and activities within year groups.

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PSHE & C

In PSHE&C this term we will be focusing on 'physical health and mental well-being'. We will explore how to look after our physical health, including keeping safe in different situations and how to use basic first aid skills. We will also look at some of the changes that children experience as they go through puberty.

Computing

This term we will be using animation software to explore stop-frame animation techniques. We will use also use Purple Mash and Publisher to produce our own newspaper front pages.

Music

To complement our mountains theme, during our music lessons this term we will be listening and responding to music inspired by mountains. This will include 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' by Grieg and 'Night on Bald Mountain' by Mussorgsky.

History/Geography

Our theme this term is 'mountains' in which there will be a geography focus. Children will learn about the various mountains and mountain ranges both locally and around the world. We will learn about how mountains are formed, as well as mountain climates. We will also learn specifically about Everest and the history of climbers associated with the highest mountain above sea level.

French

Our focus this term will be family and jobs. Children will learn basic vocabulary associated with these topics and will learn how to construct their own simple sentences.

Art

This term our art is closely linked with our theme of 'mountains'. We will begin by researching various landscape artists before creating some abstract art using various colours. We will then take inspiration from the artist Leanne Spanza to create our own colourful mountain art using paint.