

Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

I hope you've all had an enjoyable holiday! We have some very interesting and creative topics this half term, that I know the children will enjoy! Furthermore, this term we will have our class assembly which parents can attend, this is an opportunity for the class to showcase all their hard work they have achieved over this term. I am really looking forward to it! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to discuss anything. My email is Philippa.lovett@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk or you can contact me via Dojo.

Our learning project title for this half term is Misty Mountains! This knowledge-rich topic teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world! Below is what the children will learn over the half term.

ENGLISH - This term we will be reading a fictional book called 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson. This will be our main text this term and will eventually feed into their published piece of writing for this unit. The final piece of writing will be a narrative. We will also read various fiction and non-fiction texts in Guided Reading. In addition, we will also read 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells.

MATHS— This term the children will continue to learn about place value, addition and subtraction and later in the term we will start to learn about multiplication and division.

SCIENCE –We will learn and investigate what animals, including humans, need to stay alive and the types of food they eat/need. This will include looking at diet and nutrition and what foods give animals energy. We will also identify and explore what skeletons and muscles do for the body e.g. support, protect and help movement.

GEOGRAPHY- This term we will focus on human and physical geography. This will include: climate zones, rivers, mountains and volcanoes.

HISTORY – We will research and study about the great explorers Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay who were the first men to climb Mount Everest.

ART – The children will learn about the famous sculptor and photographer Andy Goldsworthy and analyse his work.

DT- The children will design and make an insulated garment. During these lessons children will learn how to cross stitch and decorate.

RE - In Religious Education we will focus on the question: What is the deeper meaning of festivals?

COMPUTING - Stop Frame Animation.

MUSIC- As part of their music curriculum this year, this term your child will continue to learn to play the recorder.

PSHE – Valuing differences

PE –Gymnastics.

Outdoor Learning

Thursday is our Outdoor Learning session. Please ensure your child has a change of footwear. If you want them to wear over trousers and a different coat, please bring these on Thursday too.

PE- There will be two separate hour long sessions of PE each week. One on a Monday and the other will be on Tuesday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on both Monday and Tuesday. PE kit is either plain black shorts or skorts and a plain white T-shirt, a plain black tracksuit or black leggings and a plain sweatshirt. Trainers may be worn. If your child has a black school hoodie, they may wear this on PE days.

Homework

Homework should be submitted weekly on Dojo. Homework should be submitted every Thursday. If they want to tackle some homework in more of a project based way, doing a bit each week, that's fine; post what they've done each week.

Your child should be reading, working on their times tables and practising their spellings weekly. Spelling guidance will be put on Dojo at the start of the week.

Dojo

I will post important information onto the learning platform Dojo. If you have any queries, please speak to the office or myself. Please ensure you're checking regularly for messages, reminders, updates and news. So you don't miss anything. You can also use the messages function to contact me directly. As always, if your message is urgent or has a direct impact on your child's day i.e. someone else is picking them up, please let me know on the door.

Homework Ideas

Homework is due on Thursday. If your child has completed their homework before Thursday, please feel free to send it earlier. Homework is to be submitted on Dojo. Below are some ideas for homework. You may choose any of these to do with your child. Alternatively, they can pursue something of their own interest that links to what we are learning at school. They may wish to repeat or extend something we've been learning about in class. This is absolutely fine.

- Investigate and find out about famous explorers. Create a fact file about each one.
- Research who Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were and what they are famous for.
- Sketch, paint, collage a picture of a famous mountain or volcano.

- Use an Atlas or a globe to locate mountains and volcanoes in different countries.
- Build a mountain model.
- Create a diagram labelling all the different parts of a mountain and write their definition.
- Create your own newspaper article about something that has happened on a Mountain? Did a climber get stuck? Does somebody make a discovery on the mountain? Who lives on the mountain? What could your newspaper headline be?
- Write your own story set on or near a mountain or volcano. Describe the setting and the characters.
- What is an equator? Which countries are situated near the equator?
- Create a survey asking people what foods they eat in a day.
- Create a healthy weekly menu.
- Find out about your body and why we have muscles and a skeleton. Do all animals have a skeleton?
- Draw or make a skeleton, label the different bones and what they protect.
- What foods are nutritious? Create a plate full of ingredients that help our body. How do the foods help our body?
- What is a healthy balanced diet? What foods are included in a healthy balanced diet?
- Find a healthy meal you would like to cook. Take a picture of it.
- Recreate art in nature inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.
- Research Diwali and who celebrates it?
- Think about why we celebrate Christmas and Easter. Draw a story board to explain these important festivals.
- Practise x tables- 2,3,4,5,8 and 10. This will help in all areas of Maths.

Year 3. Our week at a glance.

DAY	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	
Monday	PE	Come to school in your PE kit.	Please bring your reading book to school with your reading record every day.
Tuesday	PE Library	Come to school in your PE kit. Your library book.	
Wednesday	Nothing extra required today		
Thursday	Outdoor Learning	A change of footwear. A waterproof coat. Over trousers if you wish. Homework due on Dojo.	
Friday	Nothing extra required today.		

