



Peaks, Summits and Mountaineers

We begin 2019 with a **Super Start**, where the children will take part in a ‘mountaineering expedition’ to build their determination, perseverance and communication skills. All things that are needed to be a successful mountaineer! Our writing will be inspired by ‘The Abominables’ by Eva Ibbotson in English and ‘The Street Beneath My Feet’ in Science. As Geographers we will scale mountains across the globe including ‘The Three Peaks’ in England, Scotland and Wales and the Alps in Europe. We will travel back in time to 1953 to find out who was first to summit Mount Everest and the challenges they faced. For our **Marvellous Middle** we will be visited by the Open University’s School of Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences for a fantastic morning of rock-filled activities. In Art we will develop our pencil control and will study mountain landscapes. Our **Fabulous Finish** will be a visit from a mountaineer who will share his experience of climbing Mont Blanc and the plans for his next adventure, where he will be scaling El Capitan.

An overview of our learning this half term:

As Writers and Readers...	Writing inspired by ‘The Abominables’ – letters, persuasive brochures, story writing / Poetry
As Mathematicians...	Multiplication and Division / Money
As Scientists...	Rock Detectives
As Historians...	Significant individuals from the past – Sir Edmund Hilary / Tenzing Norgay
As Geographers...	The Three Peaks (UK Knowledge), The Alps (Europe), The Himalayas
As Artists and Designers...	Landscapes / Pencil Skills
As Computer Scientists...	Drawing and Desktop Publishing
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Gymnastics and Tag Rugby
As Linguists...	French story - Combien de biscuits? (numbers 1-10)
As Musicians...	Exploring tuned percussion
As Performers...	Still images, thought tunnels, flashbacks
RE	Jesus (Christian beliefs)
PSHCE	Caring for the Environment

(Please see the Spring 1 Medium Term Plan for more detail)

Manners Curriculum – We will begin the half term focusing on how to ask people to be quiet politely. You can find the overview on the Year 3 page of the website to see our weekly focus.

Important dates for your diary:

Thursday 17th January – Bedtime Stories Evening (6-7pm) – please return slip by 11th January

Monday 21st January – Marvellous Middle OU Visit (letter to follow)

Tuesday 5th February – Parent / Carer Maths Methods Workshop (evening) (letter to follow)

How you can help at home:

- This half term’s homework task will be sent home in your child’s Homework Log on Wednesday 9th January and is due in on Friday 7th February.
- Remember to read regularly at home, aiming for five times each week. Please can Reading Journals and current reading books be brought into school each day.
- Please continue to support your child to learn their times tables and strengthen their recall.
- Spellings are sent home every Monday and tested every Friday.

Remember to keep checking the website for regular updates.