



## Peaks, Summits and Mountaineers



Wow! We are half way through the year already. How did that happen?! The children threw themselves into their mountaineering expedition as our **Super Start**, scaling Mount Everest and developing their teamwork skills. Our first ever Bedtime Stories evening was a roaring success. Delicious hot chocolate and brilliant stories were enjoyed by all. The evening was attended by over

50 people and we even made it into the newspaper!

We have absolutely loved our class book this half term, 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson. The story has inspired the children to write holiday brochures, letters and fantastic story chapters. It's been great to see how much the children are enjoying our brand new reading scheme books. So many of them are reading regularly at home, something that has such a positive impact on the progress they make.



Our first after-school clubs have been a real success this half term. Each Tuesday, the group have been developing their football skills with an MK Dons sports coach. Curie Craft Club have produced fantastic pop up cards and dazzling Chinese dragon puppets. We have continued to enjoy our weekly visits from Year 7, with a focus on reading, and we also loved the collaborative Maths treasure hunt. We have raised awareness of the NSPCC through Number Day and the importance of giving and asking for permission when using the internet on Safer Internet Day.



Members of Curie Class have represented the school in the wider community this half term. At Lord Grey School, the children enjoyed a range of activities that developed badminton skills. Hockey was the focus of the Quick Sticks festival at Shenley Brooke End School. The children did us proud and showed excellent sportsmanship. We look forward to future events!

The Open University's School of Environment, Earth Ecosystem Sciences brought our learning to life when they came in to run a fantastic rocks and fossils workshop. We have a very keen class of budding geologists and the children absolutely loved getting hands on with so many different activities. It definitely was a **Marvellous Middle!** The Maths Methods Workshop for parents and carers was an excellent opportunity to introduce those who attended to the methods we teach in the classroom.



For our **Fabulous Finish**, we were visited by James Whittle, an adventurer and mountaineer. The children came up with so many fantastic questions to ask him and were amazed to hear about his experiences on different mountains around the world. His next planned expedition is to scale El Capitan. We can't wait to hear all about it on his return!

The children have all worked so hard this half term and continue to make us extremely proud. They throw themselves into their learning and this was most certainly evident, once again, when this half term's homework came in. Our homework gallery was a showstopper. Visitors continue to comment on their fantastic manners and we love to watch their confidence and independence grow day by day. The children deserve a well-earned rest and we look forward to another fantastic half term ahead!

## Reminders for next half term:

### School Uniform

- We are finding lots of jumpers without names. Please can you check all items are named and that labels haven't washed off.
- Please can we remind you that all socks with trousers should be **plain black**.
- Hair bands should be functional and **black, white or maroon**
- Sensible flat black shoes (no boots that exceed ankle height)

### PE Kit Check!

All PE bags and kit should be clearly named. Please check that your child has these items in their bag ready for next half term:

- Black plimsolls or suitable trainers
- Maroon shadow stripe shorts
- Round necked plain white T shirt
- A plain navy or black tracksuit (for outdoor sports)
- Plain white / black socks

(No earrings to be worn during PE lessons)

Healthy snacks for break times please – e.g. fruit, cereal bar

### WANTED!

We are planning on making paper mache models in an upcoming topic. If you have any spare newspaper, please can you send it in over the next half term. Thank you!

### How you can help at home:

- On Friday, we will have changed books ready for the holidays. Remember to keep reading regularly at home. Sharing stories as a family, reading independently or as a pair are all valuable opportunities.
- Keep practising times tables (with division) and number bonds to strengthen recall.
- Revisit words found tricky during the half term and revise common exception words (can be found on the Year 3 Word Work Page of the website)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Have a wonderful half term break!

