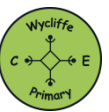


Year 4 Newsletter

Spring Term 1



All Different - All Equal



Year 4



Class Teacher: Miss Furniss

Teaching support: Mrs Reddy

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English

Our class text is called *'The King of the Cloud Forests'*, which is about a perilous journey across The Himalayas. Using this text as inspiration, we will first of all be writing stories from another culture. After this, we will produce a newspaper report based on events from the story.



Maths

In Maths, we will begin our multiplication and division unit with understanding factor pairs. We will learn to multiply and divide a given number by 10 and 100. We will learn informal written methods for multiplication involving 2-digit and 3-digit numbers multiplied by a 1-digit number. For example, 45×6 or 134×3 . Finally, we will finish with dividing greater numbers in a formal written method.



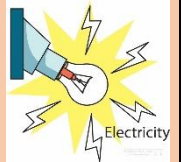
Geography

Our big question is **'Which is the deadliest mountain, Ben Nevis or Mount Everest?'**

This half term, we will learn how mountains are formed. Using maps, we will then locate mountain ranges in the UK and around the world. We will also understand the process of erosion and learn about the mountain environments of Mount Everest and Ben Nevis.

Science

Electricity is our unit of learning this half term. We will learn about common appliances that run on electricity and construct a simple series electrical circuit. Also, being able to recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and which materials are common conductors and insulators will be important parts of our learning.



PE

This half term, PE sessions will involve handball skills such as passing, shooting, and dribbling. Then towards the end of the term we will explore dance and yoga.

Music

Our learning will focus on exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel.



Art

Using Claude Monet's *'The Esterel Mountains'* as inspiration, we will create observational drawings of mountainous scenes.

French

This half term, our new unit is *'Habitats'*. By the end of unit, children should have the knowledge and skills to present both orally and in written form about various plants and animals that live in five very different habitats. This is one of the first units to encourage slightly more complex and sophisticated writing using a wider range of vocabulary.



RE

Our big question is **'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?'** In this unit, we will place the concepts of God, Creation, and the Fall on a timeline. We will also explore how and why Christians might pray to God, say sorry and ask for forgiveness.

PSHE

In PSHE, our primary focus will be on recognising and assessing risk. We will understand how to predict, assess and recognise risk in different situations. Also, understanding how to keep safe and how people can be influenced by their peers' behaviour with tips on how to manage this influence will be covered.

Computing

This half term, we will be learning about how important accuracy is within programming- writing algorithms to produce a given outcome.

Reading



In school, we will listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if your child could read to an adult at home as often as possible. Please ensure that your reading book and reading record are in school **every day**. Record **any** reading in your reading record.

Homework

The half-termly project is to be creative using our Mountains topic (**due in 9th February**)! The homework hexagons are there to give you some ideas but feel free to come up with a creative idea of your own. Our **spellings** and **learn by hearts** will go out on a **Wednesday**. Please learn these at home and bring your homework folder on this day.

Important notes!

Please keep reading anything and everything you can alongside your school reading book. Accessing Accelerated Reader from home as much as possible is a great tool for reading practice. It is a great resource for regular reading and quizzes! Spelling Frame and Times Table Rockstars are great websites to support learning in school. Look out for regular competitions linked to these websites.