

	<p>Mrs Foster, Miss Thompson, Mrs Reddy & Mrs Dar</p> <p>Ash & Pine Class</p>	<p>Our big question this half term is: Which is the deadliest mountain, Ben Nevis or Mount Everest?</p>
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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 be writing stories based on another culture. To start the half term, we will be writing an explanation text about the formation of mountains.



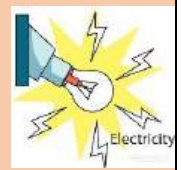
Maths
In Maths, we will continue with our multiplication and division unit with understanding factor pairs. We will learn informal written methods for multiplication involving 2-digit and 3-digit numbers multiplied by a 1-digit number. For example, 45×6 or 134×3 . Then, we will move onto dividing greater numbers in a formal written method. Finally, we will begin our fractions unit, where we will learn what an improper fraction is and begin to convert mixed number fractions to improper fractions.



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. Important parts of our learning will also include, being able to recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and which materials are common conductors and insulators will be



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.
Ash PE days – Tuesday & Friday
Pine PE days – Wednesday & Friday



Music
We will continue to listen to the Young Voices tracks. Then 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.

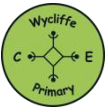
Reading
In school, we will aim to listen to your child read at least once a week. We would be grateful if your child could read to an adult at home as often as possible. Please ensure that your reading book and reading record are in school **every day**. Record **any** reading in your reading record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



Homework
The half-termly project is to be creative using our Mountains topic (**due in 24th January!**) 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 **Friday**. 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.





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