



SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER (April '22)

YEAR 4 Dolphins



Welcome to Term 5 and the beginning of the summer terms! During the summer terms, our topic is called "Misty Mountain, Winding River."

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term (and next) as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

Mr Farnell, Mrs Steggles



Misty Mountain, Winding River



Summary

In the Misty Mountain, Winding River project, your child will learn about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers, including how they shape the landscape over time, their significance around the world and the impact of flooding. They will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols, and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map, as well as how contour lines are used to show the topography of an area. They will have the opportunity to learn about the stages of the water cycle and about mountains and their different formations, studying mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and around the world. They will also learn about habitats and how human and natural influences can have an impact on the environment.

Help your child prepare for/with their project

I will be uploading a knowledge organiser onto Google Classroom. Here you will find some key information and key words that will help during this topic. When out and about you could allow your child to take the lead and navigate you to a location using a variety of different tools (maps, GPS etc).

Core texts

King of the Cloud Forest – Michael Morpurgo
The Hobbit – J.R.R Tolkien

Key experience: During this term we plan to visit a local country park to explore and expand on our river knowledge. We will also use this opportunity to practice our map reading skills and explore the surrounding area. Dates for this will be confirmed.

Key outcomes: We will be exploring the water cycle and will be attempting to recreate this during a science experiment. We will also create wide variety of non-chronological reports based on mountains and rivers as well as exploring the conditions at altitude and write a diary entry linked to this.

Discrete Teaching Programmes

Maths – We will finish working through decimals before moving onto area and perimeter. We then move onto some problem-solving activities and onto shape and symmetry. We then finish the year looking at patterns and sequences and lastly only 3-D shapes.

RE – In term 5 we will learn all about Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. In term 6, we will be comparing Hinduism and Christianity looking at similarities and differences.

PE – PE this term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that PE kits are kept in school and available on these days. Trainers are a must also, last term many children would often either not have trainers or mention that trainers are too small. Please also refrain from wearing jewellery on these days and ensure hair is tied back. We will be focusing on Tennis and Cricket in Term 5 and Athletics and OAA in Term 6.

Additional information

During the next two terms, we will be completing lots of practical activities. It would be extremely beneficial if comfortable footwear can be kept in school to wear during these activities. Also, a reminder the children should bring a water bottle to school, especially now as we hope the weather begins to warm up.

Reading – Please continue the excellent work you have been doing with your reading. Many of you earned several different Reading certificates and prizes last term. Keep up the good work and we can earn even more!

Times tables – Times table tests will still take place every Friday. Please do continue to use the PIXL app to practice.

ClassDojo – As always, if you need to speak with me at any time then please do message via ClassDojo. Please remember that Mrs Knowles will not be working with our class when she is in so, please ensure any messages are sent to me.



Key dates/information

Wednesday 20th April – first day of Term 5

Wednesday 20th April – Phil the Storyteller workshops

Thursday 28th April – class photos

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 13th May – Muddy Madness

Wednesday 25th May – Jubilee Day

Thursday 26th May – Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 26th May - last day of Term 5 (3.20pm finish)

Tuesday 7th June – first day of Term 6

Friday 22nd July – last day of Term 6 (1.30pm finish)

