

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Junior Class

'Misty Mountain Sienna'



Mighty mountains peak above the morning mists, imposing and eternal, rocky outcrops at their feet. Discover how these giants are formed, as a fold or a block, a dome or a plateau. Follow the water cycle's course from peak to valley and meet the exceptional tribes of the hostile Himalayas. Then plan a mountain expedition from the BMC that is eco friendly and as safe as can be. But look out. What's that by that tree? Its footprints are huge. Have we found the Yeti?

English



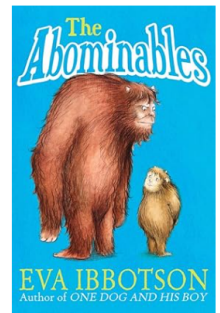
This term during our English lessons, our young writers will develop their descriptive and non-narrative skills through a series of engaging projects. Our first piece we are going to write will be a description based on the story Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. The children will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the emotive text and use

their imaginations to create well thought out and detailed descriptions. For our second piece we will write an information report. During each of these projects, children will continue to develop their grammar skills and apply more creative and advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary within their independent writing.

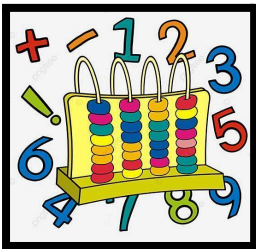
Class Story

Linking to our topic 'Misty Mountain Sienna', our class book this term is 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson

When Agatha Farlingham is kidnapped by a yeti on a mountain in Tibet, she soon discovers that the hairy monster is clever and noble. His children are in danger from the modern world and he needs her help. She sends them on a top-secret journey to England and the safety of her ancestral home.



Maths



This term in maths, our primary focus will be on mastering place value, laying the foundation for more complex concepts. As the term progresses, students will delve into the world of addition and subtraction, honing their skills through engaging activities and applying these skills in multi-step problems.

Science

Our young scientists will kick off by exploring solids, liquids and gases. They'll investigate different types of matter through processes such as heating and freezing and will have the opportunity to plan and carry out investigations to answer questions they have about solids, liquids and gases.



After half term, the focus will shift to investigating living things and their habitat when the children have the opportunity to explore the habitats and discover which animals live where and why.

PE

Children will need to ensure their PE kits are in school at the beginning of every week.

This term's focus will be on attacking and defending games, offering students the opportunity to hone their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Children will engage in dynamic activities that promote physical fitness and coordination. The PE sessions promise to be both challenging and enjoyable, fostering a love for sports and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle. Children will continue to be taught by Adam from Exeter City Football Club every Wednesday afternoon for the Spring term.



PSHE

This term, our focus in PSHE will be on "Being Me." In Years 3 and 4, students will embark on a journey of self-reflection and empathy as they explore topics such as friendships and feelings towards ourselves and others. We believe it's crucial for our young learners to understand what a good relationship looks like and how they can help themselves and others be better friends. Meanwhile, in Years 5 and 6, the exploration will deepen, delving into the meaning of democracy and how having a voice benefits the school community and to know how to participate in this.



Forest School, Art, Design and Technology

Thursday afternoons will be a mixture of Forest School, art and design technology and will take a more thematic approach. We will be looking at the work of Katsushika Hokusai, in particular the Thirty-Six views of Mt. Fuji series, contours on maps, weaving and shelters.

NB: If you have any material we can cut up or ribbons, we would appreciate these for our weaving.

RE and Music

Friday afternoons will generally roll between RE and Music with a focus on Harvest, Samba, Janmashtami (a Hindu festival), Christianity and Christmas. We will be preparing for a Harvest Service and the Harvest Celebration in collaboration with High Bray Church. Watch this space!

Year 3 will be doing a sustainability project initially on Friday afternoons with Mrs Robinson as a transition into Juniors.

Computing

Initially, we will have an introduction about the general use of the chrome books, moving onto finding out about computing systems and networks. This will be followed by looking at webpages for yr 5 and 6 and photo editing for yr 3 and 4.

French



Children will continue to be taught by our specialist French teacher Madame Wilkinson this year. The topics this term are French greetings, talking about yourself, family, numbers, le and la, playground games.

Please help your children at home by:

1. Encouraging them to complete their homelearning weekly and choose from the topic homelearning tasks.
2. Practising times tables and the related division facts using Times Tables Rock Stars
3. Listening to them read regularly, talking about the books read and encouraging children to record their reading in their reading record books as well as take quizzes on Accelerated Reader.

Homework:

Children will be given homelearning each week on a Friday to be handed in on the following Thursday. They will also be given multiple topic related homework activities termly which will be optional for children to complete. Children will be rewarded for their efforts in completing these activities.