



Year 3/4
Autumn 1

Topic: North America and Mountains

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are now ready for the start of a new school year. We have lots of exciting things to learn about and it will be wonderful to explore these topics with all of you. I am looking forward to getting to know our new Year 3 class more this year, as well as continuing our learning journey with the familiar Year 4 children.

Our topic for this first half-term is “North America and Mountains”. In this topic, we will be exploring the continent of North America, its countries and looking deeper at the landscape and structure of The Rocky mountains. This topic will be explored further in other subjects, such as Art where we will practice using watercolours to paint mountain landscapes. We will also be looking at the importance of E-Safety in our Computing sessions, whilst our PE topic for this half term is invasion games and we will be looking at building healthy relationships in PSHE. In RE, we will be building on our prior learning of the Creation Story. In Science, we will be looking at what nutrients animals need to survive, as well as the structure of the skeleton in invertebrates and vertebrates.

In Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction, before exploring number and place value with up to 4-digit numbers. Additionally, we will begin our focus on times-tables and embedding our knowledge of familiar tables such as 2, 4, 5 and 8x. It would massively benefit your progress if this could also be a focus at home, as well as using TTRockstars as often as possible. In English, we will start off by recapping some grammar and spelling rules, before moving onto learning about myths and writing our own. Later this term, we will be writing fact files about the Rockies and looking at poetry linked to mountains and North America.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to the year ahead!
Mr Snuggs



Uniform reminder:

Please be reminded of the school uniform policy:
Grey/black shorts or trousers and white shirt.
Red and white gingham dress or playsuits.
Grey knee-length skirt or pinafore.
White blouse or shirt.
Red cardigan or sweatshirt.
Plain black, grey or red tights or socks.
Plain black shoes or trainers.
No make-up including nail varnish.
No jewellery, except a watch and one pair of studs.
Long hair tied up for safety reasons.



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Autumn 1 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

The Crow's Tale - Naomi Howarth
World Feature Focus: Mountains - Rebecca Kahn
Fourteen Wolves - Catherine Barr
Secrets of the Mountain - Libby Walden



Reading and Spellings

This year, spellings will be sent out on a **Friday**, to be tested in school the following **Friday**. Children will be able to access their spellings on the online platform 'Spelling Shed'. Logins will be sent out with your first list of spellings. If you require any support with Spelling Shed, please let me know.

Reading books will be sent home weekly and we encourage your child to try and return this weekly, if finished, to encourage a broader range of reading material. We would like to encourage all children to share their reading experience with a member of their family at home. Reading records will be sent out shortly. Children can also access Lexia using the link on Google Classroom to support reading practice.

PE Kits and Forest Schools

Please ensure your child comes dressed for PE every Friday!

We will aim to do PE every **Friday**. Your child will need to come to school in black shorts/joggers, a white top and black sand shoes/ trainers. A black hoodie may be worn when outside for PE.

Forest Schools will be spread equally each half-term in KS2, with Year 5/6 having Forest Schools first this half-term. Therefore, Year 3/4 will have Forest Schools **next half term after the October holidays.**