Welcome to a fresh new year! During the Spring Term, we will be starting a new theme called, 'Misty Mountain, Winding River'.

Misty Mountain, Winding River

Our themed learning will teach the children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world. We will study the stages of the water cycle and learn about mountains and their different formations. We will be studying mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and around the world. The children will also learn about habitats and how human and natural influences can have an impact on the environment.

Science

One of the companion projects for Misty Mountain, Winding River is all about states of matter including solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. We will be observing how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

Weekly Reminders

<u>Monday:</u> Bring in PE Kits <u>Tuesday</u>: Year 4 Swimming Kit <u>Wednesday</u>: PE Kit, Return Homework <u>Friday</u>: Homework set

English/ Maths

<u>English</u>

In English, we will use the book the Rhythm of the Rain to support our writing and produce a persuasive speech inspired by David Attenborough. Our new class reader is The King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo and we will be using this text in our guided reading and English learning.

<u>Maths</u>

Our lessons this term will continue to cover multiplication and division, particularly the 4,7,8 and 12 times tables as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We will carry on practicing our multiplication tables weekly with TTRS.

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PSHEE/BRAVE

<u>PSHEE</u>

This half term we will be exploring communities. We will be looking at how diverse communities can be, how we belong to different clubs and communities and how to be respectful towards those who may live differently to them.

<u>BRAVE</u>

This half term, we will be looking at why Muslims call Muhammad the "Seal of the Prophets".

Other Subjects

<u>Art & Music</u>

In Art this half term we will be focusing on landscapes and sketching, particularly looking at the colour wheel and choosing appropriate colours. In Music we will be creating a composition sound scape that encompasses the sounds of a mountain environment.

French & Computing

We will also develop further our skills in Computer science and programming using Scratch Junior.

Our French lessons will focus on the weather and the water cycle.

Important Dates

<u>09.01.24:</u> Year 4 start swimming <u>26.01.24</u>: Oak Class Presentation <u>29.01.24:</u> Storytelling Week <u>06.02.24</u>: Safer Internet Day <u>15.02.24:</u> Valentine's Disco

Homework

Children will read for a minimum of fifteen minutes three times a week. Children will complete tasks/games/activities linked to spelling and Maths including multiplication tables, each week.

<u>PE Days-</u> Monday and Wednesday Please bring a full PE Kit

If you have any queries throughout the term please contact myself on dojo!