

This term our class topic is the great outdoors! With so much on our doorstep and so much love for the outdoors within our staff and families, we hope to make this a brilliant and engaging half term for the children. We'll be focussing on the local geography of the South Downs as well as The Lake District National Park.



In our reading we'll continue to focus both on our phonics, making sure our foundational knowledge is solid, as well as tackling further spelling rules. Children will continue reading at least 3 times a week with an adult at school and look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books in class.

In our writing we'll be using a classic story book - Owen and the Mountain, for inspiration. This is a charming story about a boy who visits his grandfather and through a lack of anything to do in the house, they decide to tackle a long day out together in the mountains. Children will be focussing on:

- writing a letter to warn someone about the dangers of mountaineering
- composing simple poems
- using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions

In our maths we'll continue to build on children's knowledge of multiplication and division from last term, but we'll also be diving into the world of fractions. This is a notoriously tricky subject for many children so any supporting conversations that can be had at home would be fantastic. Whenever pizza or cake is around is a no brainer! Some of the specific areas covered will be:

- 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Recognising halves and quarters
- Recognising equivalence of halves and quarters

In Science Year 1s will be investigating seasonal changes and learning more about plants - naming their parts, identifying between coniferous and deciduous as well as the difference between wild and garden plants. Year 2s will be finding out about the importance of bulbs and seeds as well as the difference. We'll also be looking at what growing up means. We'll look at naming different animals and their offspring as well as lifecycles of different kinds of animals. We'll do this through:

- Questioning and investigating
- Researching
- Experimenting

We'll also cover a great deal in our wider curriculum topics too. Looking at geography and the topography of our local area compared to some non-european places. In Music we'll be improving our knowledge of timbre and terminology while starting to prepare for the Summer performance. We'll be beginning to express our creativity in computing more and more and start having some homework to engage with through our computers at home, as well as learning about new Artistic and design techniques throughout the term.

