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Welcome back to Autumn 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and to Autumn 2! I hope you have enjoyed your break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In Class 4, we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning from Autumn 1. This half term, our new Cornerstones topic is 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. We will be learning all about the mighty mountain peaks and how these giants are formed, alongside following the water cycle's course! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary:

Homework given out on Mondays and is expected back in school on Fridays. Children's homework can also be uploaded to DB. Spellings are given out on Wednesdays for our spelling tests on Mondays.

Swimming will continue for Class 4 on Thursday mornings! Please ensure that your child comes to school on a Thursday morning with appropriate kit.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Edwards

Misty Mountain Sierra

Cornerstones



Mighty mountains rise above the morning mists, imposing and eternal.

During this half term, we're going up in the world, visiting a hill, upland area or moor, and noticing how the weather changes. Back in the classroom, we'll use a range of maps, information books and websites to write a recount of our visit. We'll find out where the highest mountains are, learn how to use a compass and make 3-D mountain models. Inspired by the magnificent mountains of the world, we'll complete graphs showing heights, look at webcam and satellite images and create wonderful weavings. Using our literacy skills, we'll write mountain-shaped poems and compose songs about the water cycle. We'll also examine how mountains are displayed on a map, and build a water cycle to look at changing states of matter.

At the end of the project, we'll write stories about the Yeti and invite you to a presentation that will showcase our geography skills. Finally, we'll think about our personal 'mountains'. What are our goals and how will we achieve them?

ILP focus	Geography
English	Recounts, non-chronological reports, shape poems, explanations, leaflets, stories
Geography	Using maps, human and physical geography
Art & design	Clay modelling, weaving
Computing	Satellite mapping, using GPS devices, 2-D animation, online research
D&T	Evaluating and reflecting
Mathematics	Presenting data, converting between units of measure
Music	Writing song lyrics
PE	Orienteering
PSHE	Facing new challenges, mountain safety
Science	States of matter

Help your child prepare for their project

Climbing a mountain is an exciting adventure! Why not research one of the world's highest mountains together? You could also find out about the animals that live there and how they have adapted to the environment. Alternatively, visit the library together to find out how mountains are formed and where in the world they can be seen.