

Year 3
Spring 2

Magnificent Mountain
Ranges of the World



English

Reading

Lady Agatha Farlingham is captured by a yeti whilst camping in the Himalayan mountains. She agrees to bring up his motherless children, but many decades later the yetis have to flee their idyllic home. During lessons, we will focus on being able to retrieve, explain, predict, summarise and make inferences, whilst broadening our vocabulary.



Writing

In English lessons, children will be learning how to write a story opening, including the use of dialogue, setting description and character descriptions. Children will write a non-fiction piece based on a discussion, looking at the advantages and disadvantages of mountain life.

Tier 2 vocabulary

Tier 2 vocabulary are words that are used in many situations and contexts. This term, your child will learn the meaning of the following words: **afford, arrange, board, border, bounce, brief, brilliant, crew, examine, launch, passage, schedule**

Spellings

Practise your spellings at least 3 times per week on [Spelling Shed](#).



w/b 23.02.26

w/b 02.03.26

w/b 09.03.26

w/b 16.03.26

w/b 23.03.26

w/b 30.03.26

The /l/ sound spelled 'al' at the end of words.

the /l/ sound spelled '-le' at the end of words.

Adding the suffix '-ly' when the root word ends in '-le' then the '-le' is changed to '-ly.'

Adding the suffix '-ally' which is used instead of '-ly' when the root word ends in '-ic.'

Adding the suffix '-ly'. Words which do not follow the rules.

Extra words to practise

arrival
burial
comical
emotional
national
magical
personal
optional
survival
tropical

battle
article
struggle
possible
capable
settle
humble
terrible
example
adjustable

gently
simply
humbly
nobly
durably
terribly
incredibly
responsibly
wrinkly
possibly

basically
frantically
dramatically
historically
nationally
emotionally
accidentally
automatically
traditionally
specifically

truly
duly
publicly
daily
slyly
shyly
fully
wholly
cooly
happily

address
arrive
certain
experience
history
mention
occasionally
probably
reign
sentence

STEM

Maths

This term, we will continue learning about length and perimeter. Children will then go on to start learning about fractions, followed by mass and capacity. Children need to continue to complete their MyMaths tasks and Times Tables Rock Stars at home to support their in-school learning.



Science

Children will learn about light, dark and shadows. They will discover how objects can be classified, make predictions and test their results.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning to develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will create physical and on-screen branching databases and evaluate their effectiveness.

Personal Development

Physical Education

Our indoor PE lessons will be dance and our outdoor PE lessons will be about using our key concepts and applying them to hockey. PE kit includes a purple t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, trainers and a purple fleece. Earrings should be removed on PE days.

Personal, Social and Health Education

This term, we focus on 'health and wellbeing' and 'keeping safe'. We will continue discussions on living in the wider world along with media literacy and digital resilience.



The Arts

Music

In Music this term, children will be extending their recorder skills, reading pitch and rhythmic notation. They will also improvise and compose within given note ranges. The children are welcome to bring their own recorder in for lessons on Wednesdays.

Design Technology

We will design and make a pulley system to transport goods down a mountainside. Try to look out for pulley systems in the environment.



Humanities



Geography

We will be learning about mountains and continents. We will be identifying mountains and mountain ranges in both Europe and beyond, including a focus on the Rockies in Canada.

Religious Education

Children will be learning the answer to the following question: 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and reflecting on their own beliefs about the world.

French

Children will learn to identify and introduce family and pets, and to spell their names. They will learn the names for locations within their own home.

Homework

Reading — at least 5 times per week. Write this in your planner.

Spelling Shed — at least 3 times per week.

Times Table Rock Stars — at least 3 times per week.

My Maths — 1 task set per week online (login details are in planners).

Practice
Makes
Perfect

Optional tasks

Create a fact file or artistic display about a famous mountain or mountain range of the world.

Enrichment

Create a model of a famous mountain or mountain range of the world

Trips and Visitors

Please find a list of anticipated trips and visits to enrich your child's learning. These are not all finalised and will be dependent on availability nearer the time. We are acutely aware of the increasing financial pressures on families; therefore, we want to provide you with an overview of potential costs for the year. When trips are organised, you will be provided with a clear financial breakdown of the subsequent costs.

Spring 2 - Mount Everest Virtual Reality Workshop (in school, no cost)

Summer 1 - Virtual tour of British Museum: Ancient Egypt Exhibition (no cost) / The Nile School Shakers – instruments, dance and drum workshop (£8.50)

Summer 1 - Philharmonia Trip Corn Exchange

Summer 2 - Sing On (cost for audience tickets TBC) / VR Volcanoes (in school, £7.10)