



Willow Class Term 4 Newsletter Rivers and Mountains



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break! This term, our topic is all about rivers and mountains! We will be exploring Everest, comparing mountain ranges around the world, meandering our way down the River Cuckmere and River Nile and learning all about rocks, soils and how fossils are formed. To help us on our way, we will be reading some of the 'Adventure' series by Enid Blyton; Wind in the Willows and some non-fiction books to help us learn about brave explorers who have conquered Everest. We are hoping to go on a trip to The Seven Sisters Country Park to learn more about the River Cuckmere and will write to you soon with more information about this.

From 9th – 13th March, we will be celebrating Science Week and focusing on the theme of 'Our Diverse Planet'. Please could all children bring in a shoebox (or similar box, with a joined lid) into school on Monday 9th March as part of their work on this project.

Homework	
Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure it is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday and counting the minutes for miles!
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week. The set spellings are also available on the school website.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday . Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths' and the children have their logins stuck in the front of their Homework books. If your child(ren) find the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child(ren) during homework and write a comment into their Homework book if they are giving support to inform teachers.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home. The focus times table that each individual child is working on will be written into their homework books so parents are aware.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around 40 minutes . To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Hare and Miss Frankel

Useful Websites:

www.ducksters.com/geography/worlddrivers.php

www.natgeokids.com/uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/z2ym2p3

www.sevensisters.org.uk/

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?

Can you name some features of a river?

How are fossils made?

Which colours do you know in French?

What can you tell me about different mountains around the world?

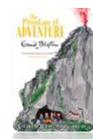
How are different types of rocks formed?

What does 'salvation' mean to Christians?

What instrument are you playing in Music?



'Rivers and Mountains' Learning Map



<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Biographies</p>	<p>Information leaflets</p>	<p>Recounts</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Division</p>	<p>Fractions</p>	
<p>DT/Art</p>	<p>Clay fossils</p>	<p>Illustrations using Wind in the Willows</p>	
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Rivers and Mountains around the world</p>		
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Healthy Me</p>		
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Emails</p>	<p>Online Safety</p>	
<p>French</p>	<p>Colours</p>	<p>Foods</p>	<p>Hobbies</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>Understanding Christianity: Salvation</p>		
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Net and Wall</p>	<p>Swimming</p>	
<p>Music</p>	<p>Charanga: Glockenspiel</p>		
<p>Science</p>	<p>Science Week – 9th – 13th March</p>	<p>Rocks, soils and fossils</p>	