

Mountain Explorers Larks Cluster Sheet



17th April to 26th May 2023

What are we going to be learning?

The hook for a lot of our learning this half term is 'Mountain Explorers'. In our literacy we will be reading 'First to the Top' by David Hill where the children will learn about Sir Edmund Hillary. We will also read 'Up the Mountain' by Marianne Dubuc which the children will use as inspiration to write their own short story. In Maths the Larks will continue to become familiar with the value of the coins 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. They will also become more familiar with the composition of ten and explore multiples of ten including counting in tens. Our science learning will be about plants including plants growing in the mountains. We will continue to monitor the weather to understand the seasons. During PE with Active8 on a Tuesday the children will focus on moving with an object - dribbling and bouncing a ball. Thursday's PE will be May Dancing (hopefully outside!). Our concept for RE will be 'Precious' in the context of 'How does precious water effect the lives of Hindus and Christians?' In Geography we will locate different continents using atlases and link this learning to famous mountains around the world. In DT, we will be learning about how to make a moving part for a page in a non-fiction book. This will be of a mountaineer climbing a mountain. In computing, children will be using a 'My World' programme to label continents on a world map and continue learning about staying safe when using apps and games online. In music the children will use 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams to continue to develop their understanding of pitch, dynamics and tempo.

What will the hook be?

Whole class walk up Butser Hill on Tuesday 2nd May and talk by mountaineer Rebecca Stephens MBE on Tuesday 16th May.

How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

May Dancing to parents and school on the field on Wednesday 26th May at 2.15pm

Key Vocabulary:

Geography: hill, mountain, valley, vegetation, season, weather, continent, Europe, Asia
Science: seed, bulb, leaves, germination, roots, shoots, deciduous, evergreen

How can learning be extended at home? (Your child will also bring home homework tasks, their current mental maths card and please see the reading record.) Please support your child with continuing their routines from the start of the year such as arriving at school on time as well as remembering their book bag, water bottle and coat every day. They will need to come to school on a Tuesday and Thursday in PE kit plus school shoes as they need to leave their trainers in school to be used every day. They will need to have **plimsolls** in their school PE bag at school. Please make sure long hair is always tied back. Continue with reading routines at home developing fluidity always recording in their diary. Homework will be sent out on a Friday for Wrens to complete by the following Thursday. Please continue to work with your child on their mental maths card and do some 'doodle maths' each week.

Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beg 17/4	Week beg 24/4	Week beg 1/5	Week beg 8/5	Week beg 15/5	Week beg 24/5
Mon: First day of Summer term		Mon: Bank Holiday Tues: Morning walk up Butser Hill Fri: King Charles III coronation activity	Mon: Coronation bank holiday Thurs: Walk to a local bluebell wood	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs: Slots for Wrens parents to see Class Learning Journal Tues: Talk by mountaineer Rebecca Stephens MBE	Mon and Tues: Concept Day Wed: May dancing 2.15pm Fri: Last day of half term