

Majestic Mountains
Foxes Autumn 2 Parent Topic Leaflet

Let's explore the majestic mountains of the world! Some well-known mountain ranges in the four countries that make up the UK include the Cairngorms in Scotland, the Pennines in England, the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland, and Snowdonia in Wales. We will be learning about the famous mountains of the world and locating them using atlases and on the computers!



English	<p>Texts: <i>The Abominables</i> by Eva Ibbotson <i>Mountains of the World</i> by Dieter Braun <i>Expedition Diaries: Himalayan Mountains</i> by Simon Chapman <i>River Story</i> by Meredith Hooper & Bee Willey <i>Highest Mountain, Deepest Ocean</i> by Kate Baker Writing outcomes to include: Newspaper report and Non-chronological report Poetry: Mountain Poetry - Haiku & Tanka <i>Daily spellings and weekly dictation to show application of the learnt spellings.</i></p>
Class reader	<i>The Abominables</i> by Eva Ibbotson
Spellings	<p>Words with the prefix 'dis-' Words with the prefix 'mis-' Words where '-ing', '-er' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words Words where '-ing', '-en' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words Autumn 2 CEWS Words with the digraph 'ai' and tetragraph 'aigh' Words with the digraph 'ei' and tetragraph 'eigh'</p>
Geography	We will be learning about mountains . We will be learning to locate different mountains on a world map, know a mountain range is a group of mountains joined or close together, know a mountain is larger than a hill and learn about the different mountains of the world.
Art	Landscape painting and collage: We will be choosing collage materials according to qualities e.g. colour, texture, warmth to create more detailed artwork, paint on different surfaces, including 3D.e.g clay, papier mache, and use washes to layer colour.
DT	We will be learning how to sew a Christmas decoration . We will be looking at how we can sew using different techniques, how we can deconstruct and reconstruct a product, and evaluate our final designs.
Music	We will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel . We will explore composition, performance, counting bars' rest, and different dynamics.
Maths	<p>Y3: Calculations: Subtraction within 1000. Multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8 including knowing the difference between sharing and grouping. Word problems. Vocabulary: 'product' Y4: Calculations: Subtraction within 10,000. Multiplication and division of 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12. Vocabulary: 'quotient' and finding the 'difference'. Word problems.</p>

Science	We will be continuing our learning about Animals including Humans . We will be looking at the different types of teeth and their functions, different parts of the digestive system and their functions and using scientific enquiry.
Computing	Creating media - Photo Editing The children will be learning to recognise that digital images can be manipulated, to use an application to add to the composition of a digital image, to use an application to change the whole of a digital image or change part of a digital image and to recognise that digital images can be changed for different purposes.
PE/Games:	WIT: Tuesday and Fresh air Club Wednesday PAM: Tuesday and Friday Outdoor: Netball Indoor: Gymnastics with Mrs Hurlstone
RE	In RE this half term we will be learning about 'Incarnation', the concept that Jesus is God on earth. We will consider where this fits into the Big Story in the Bible, and also learn more about the trinity: God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit. We will explore the gospel of John and think about how Christians show that the holy spirit is God's power at work.
French	We will be learning about All About Me . We will learn names of some body parts, colour adjectives, voici, <i>Joyeux Noël</i> . <u>Year 4</u> : Preferences, further adjectives of colour, <i>C'est...</i> , negatives (<i>Je n'ai pas</i>). Finger rhymes, games, French stories and traditional songs.
PSHCE	Don't forget to let the love in!
Value focus	Compassion
Trips/events	Stonehenge 10th November 2025/ Nativity/ Christingle in Church/ AMS for Y4 13th November 2025

Must-do activities at home:

- Homework books given out on a Friday
- Times tables - Year 3: 3,4,8. Year 4: All times tables up to 12x. This can include practising each week.

Optional extras at home:

- Take a trip to your local library - what can you find out about mountains?
- Research mountains. Perhaps search on online maps or on Tourist Information websites to find out about visiting a mountain or even finding photos or webcams from up the mountains - Himalayas/Mount Everest, Ben Nevis, Mont Blanc. What other mountains can you find on a map? Are there any in Dorset?
- There is a BBC Planet Earth episode all about Mountains - ask your grown ups to watch some parts of it together - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0074sg0>
- Have a go at creating a piece of art inspired by mountains - this could be sketching, painting or collage, or perhaps even some art using materials from around the garden!

Key vocabulary:

<i>mountain</i>	Land that rises at least 600m above sea level. It is larger than a hill.
<i>mountain range</i>	A series of mountains in a line and connected by high ground.
<i>slope</i>	A slope is the side of a mountain, hill, or valley
<i>passes</i>	A route through a mountain range or over a ridge.
<i>Canines</i>	Canines are pointy teeth and they are used for ripping and tearing food.
<i>Molars</i>	They are large and flat teeth and they are used for grinding food.
<i>Incisors</i>	Incisors are shovel-shaped teeth and they are used for biting and cutting food
<i>Premolars</i>	They are small and flat teeth and they are used for holding and crushing food.
<i>Wisdom teeth</i>	They are large and flat teeth and humans can have up to 4 wisdom teeth, although not everyone has them.