



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Term 3 Topic: Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Our topic next term is going to be based on mountains and rivers with a geography and science focus.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough Topic Overview Year 3

Classroom Environment	Mountain and rivers display	Educational Visits	Earth Trust River Day Climbing wall Wallingford school
Wow Factor Launch	Climbing wall at Wallingford school	Key texts	Blue John - Berlie Doherty A River - Marc Martin A River of Stories - Jan Pienkowski The Mountain Book - Dr Brian Knapp
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	✓ Explanations on the creation of rivers – information poster & pop up book	Homework	- Weekly reading task - Spelling/ grammar fortnightly task - Maths challenge fortnightly
English	✓ Writing to inform ✓ Explanation texts ✓ Non-chronological report	RE	✓ Buddhism
Maths	✓ Multiplication and division	Art / DT	✓ Monet inspired water paintings ✓ Watercolour painting ✓ Rainbow mountain inspired artwork ✓ Mini films showing parts of a mountain ✓ Pop up books
Science	✓ Rocks ✓ Water cycle ✓ What is soil? ✓ What is sand? ✓ How do fossils form?	Music	Recorders



Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Google maps research ✓ Interactive river map creation in Prezzi 	PE	✓ Hockey
		Forest School	✓ Rocks, soil and practical maths focus
History	✓ Not in this topic	French	✓ Weather
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mountains ✓ Rivers ✓ Caves ✓ Local rivers 	PSHE + SMSC	To be confirmed

The children will be going to Forest School with Melanie and Emily, our Forest School leaders, on Friday mornings. The children can come into school wearing their Forest School clothes and bring their school uniform in a bag to change into when they get back. Children need wellies or walking boots, trousers, a long sleeve top or jumper, coat, hat, gloves and scarf.

We will be doing PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Happy Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrison

