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Dear Parents,

Next term's topic is named, 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough'. We will have a geographical focus as the children learn about mountains and rivers. They will be writing explanations on the formation of mountains and the water cycle, as well as writing non-chronological reports on their features. The term will start with a trip to Wallingford School to experience their climbing wall early in the term and early in February we will be visiting the Earth Trust at Wittenham Clumps for their 'Rivers Day'.

In our Maths we will be learning about multiplication including how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers, recognising factors, multiplying 3 numbers and using place value to complete multiplications. We will also be covering division, including dividing larger numbers by single digit numbers and building upon the children's understanding of division being the inverse of multiplication.

Mrs Herron will be taking the class on Friday morning and teaching Science and French instead of the children going to Forest School. The children will be learning about Mountain animals and how they are adapted to survive and learning about animal classification. In French the children will be learning how to describe the weather and preparing and filming a "green screen" weather forecast.

The children will also be creating pop-up books explaining the formation of mountains, studying the art of Monet and creating interactive river 'Prezzi' animations.

Year 4 will continue their swimming lessons on Tuesday 17th January and in PE we will be finishing our hockey scheme.

Homework will continue as normal with the children learning their spellings and times tables each week, accompanied by their reading journal entry. MyMaths activities will be updated as a recap on work we have covered in class. Please note that there are currently activities for them to do over the holidays linked to our work on subtraction.

If you have any questions about the curriculum please arrange to meet with me after school.

Have a great Christmas break,

Mr Chandler



Ain't No Mountain High Enough - Year 4 Topic Table

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3d Mountain and rivers display 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Trust – Rivers Day • Wallingford School
Wow Factor Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to School to do mountaineering • Planet Earth 2 Mountains • Earth Trust – Rivers Day 	Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue John – Berlie Doherty • All about Mountains • Journey to the River Sea
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations on the creation of rivers • Information poster • Monet Art • Mountain explanation Pop up Books • French Weather Forecast 	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyMaths • Times tables 9, 5, 11 • Spellings • Guided reading activities
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing to Inform • Explanation texts • Non- Chronological reports 	RE	N/A
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division • Graphs and data handling 	Art / DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monet • Pop up Mountain books
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living things and their habitats 	Music	
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prezzi Powerpoints 	PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey • Swimming
		Forest School	NA
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather and Places
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water cycle • Topographical features of UK • Describe and understand mountains and rivers • Use maps and atlases to locate and describe places 	PSHE + SMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Dimension