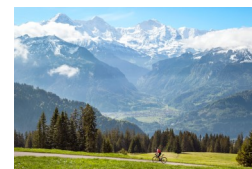




Year 4—Spring 1 Topic Overview



This half term, our topic is titled: Survivor! We will be learning about mountainous regions across the world and how people survive in these climates. As part of our topic we will be doing some outdoor learning— participating in a ‘Bushcraft Survival day’.

Miss Scott, Miss Cockram and Miss Bellamy

Survivor!

<p>Reading</p> <p>We will begin our class reading of <i>The Wild Robot</i>. Our first ‘VIPERS’ (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising) skill will be prediction followed closely by summarising. We will work on using details stated to make informed predictions.</p> 	<p>Writing</p> <p>In English lessons, we take inspiration from the <i>Wild Robot</i> text to write an alternative chapter for the book as well as a survival guide from the perspective of a forest animal.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>In this half term, we will be working on our second multiplication and division unit as well as exploring length and perimeter. We will also be continuing our daily practising of times tables.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>This half term, we are going to be exploring mountains and mountainous regions across the world. We will be learning about tectonic plates, the climate and land use.</p>	<p>PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education)</p> <p>This half term the theme is ‘Keeping myself safe.’ This will involve defining the difference between risk, hazard and danger as well as looking at ways to manage risks both online and in the real world.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>In our art unit, we will be exploring collage and drawing using David Hockney’s artwork as inspiration. We will be learning about different collage techniques and mixing colours confidently.</p>
<p>French</p> <p>In French, our topic will be ‘Vegetables’, we will learn some high frequency infinitive verbs and become familiar with using the names of vegetables and how to ask for specific amounts.</p>	<p>Games and PE</p> <p>In Games, we will be developing our golfing skills. In our PE lessons, we will be exploring gymnastics through balances and the use of equipment.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Throughout the year in Year 4, we will have lessons run by Hampshire music called ‘Listen to Me’. This half term we will be learning the keyboard.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>In Science, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. We will observe how some materials change state when heated or cooled. We will also explore the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.</p>	<p>RE (Religious Education)</p> <p>Our concept in RE is pilgrimage; we will be learning about how to describe pilgrimages made by religious figures as well as how we can contextualise pilgrimage in relation to our own lives.</p>	

Key Dates:

Bush Craft Survival Day: TBC **Children’s Mental Health week:** Monday 5th February—Friday 9th February **Life Bus:** Tuesday 30th January 2024

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Beech—Monday and Thursday Pine—Thursday and Friday Maple—Monday and Friday

Homework reminders:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home too.

Reading - x3 weekly

Times Table Rockstars - x3 weekly

Maths/English - your child will be provided with a weekly learning task to complete (**Hand out: Friday Due: Thursday**)

Completion of homework tasks/extra reading/TTRS/spelling practise will be rewarded accordingly with effort marks and house points.