



Monkton Church of England Primary
School
Newsletter for Class 3
Term 4- Misty Mountain, Winding River
In God's eyes, everyone is special.

English

During the third term our core text will be King of the Clouds by Michael Morpurgo. We will begin this term by researching hill walking and climbing in the mountains. We will learn what equipment you would need and how to stay safe, we will then present this information in an information leaflet, using features of non-fiction writing. After this, we will continue to explore non-fiction writing, finding out about the water cycle which we will then present as an explanation text. Finally, we will be finding out about flooding, writing news reports about a flood that has caused devastation to all those involved.

Science

Our main unit continues to be States of Matter. This will teach the children about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes. In addition, the children will also be exploring the water cycle, learning about the roles of mountains and rivers.

Maths

Times tables continues to be a focus throughout this school year and time will be spent in class securely learning each time table every day, so that children will know them in the correct order, mixed up and develop a good and reliable recall speed of each fact: the target is under 6 seconds. At the start of term 4, we will be completing our learning about perimeter and measure, before we move onto learning about fractions. Year 3 will then be learning about mass and capacity whilst Year 4 explore decimals.

General

Welcome back to the start of term 4. We hope you all had a lovely half term break and the children are ready and refreshed for the new term. This term, we will be carrying on with our current topic, Misty Mountain, Winding River. World Book day takes place on Friday 3rd March. A separate letter will explain all the exciting events that are taking place. We will also be hosting a fancy dress swap day, book swap and cake sale on the Friday. Any donations of cakes to sell will be gratefully received.

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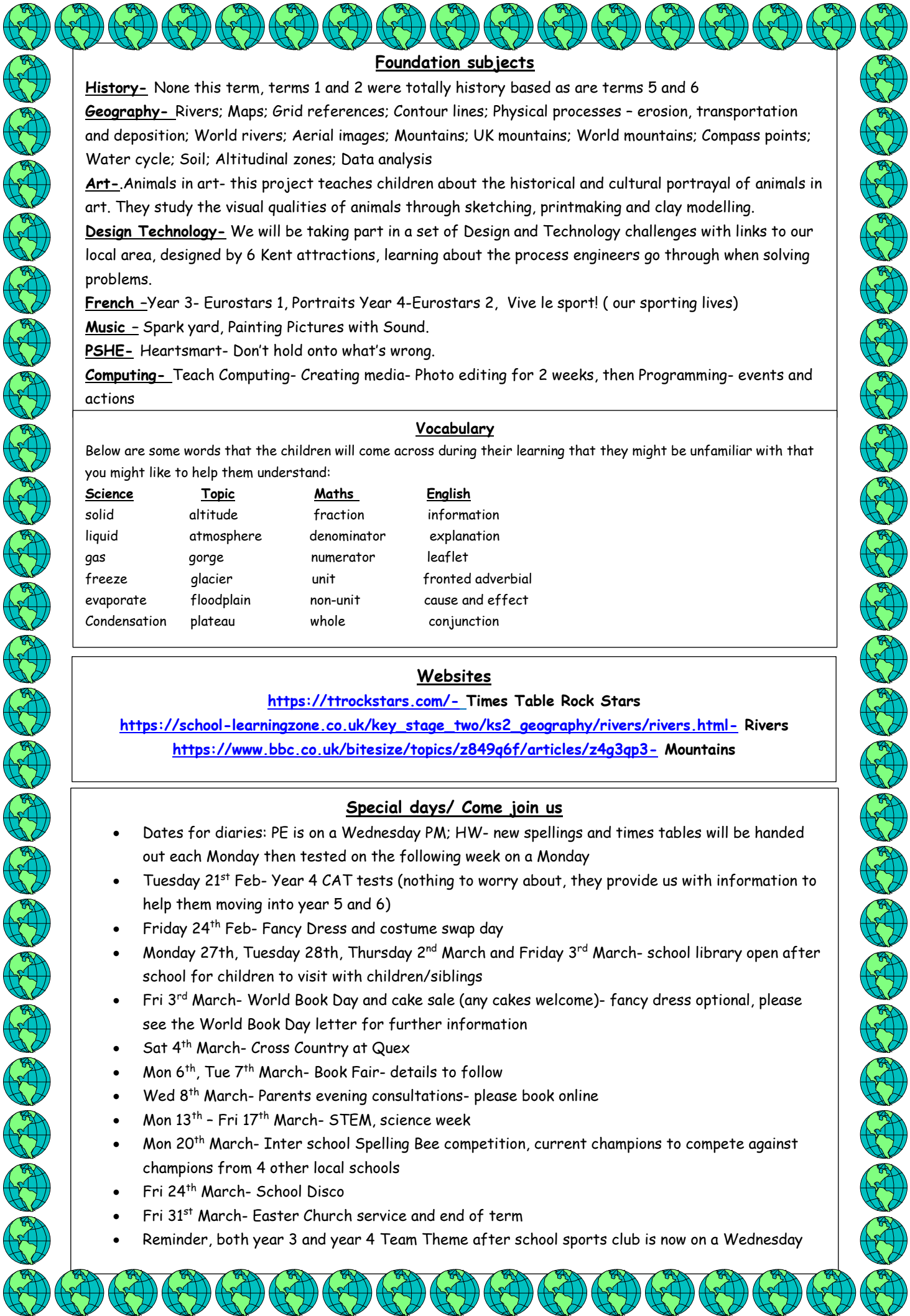
In Term 4, the children will be focusing on Christianity and specifically Salvation Seeking to explore the question: Why do Christians call the day Jesus dies Good Friday?

ICT

This term Class 3 will use the first 2 weeks of Term 4 to complete our previous unit of Photo Editing before starting to explore Programming- Events and actions in program, where the children will explore explores the links between events and actions, whilst consolidating prior learning relating to sequencing. Learners will begin by moving a sprite in four directions.

PE

Our PE day is on Wednesday afternoon. In term 4, Team Theme will be teaching Dance, with handball after school clubs for both year groups on a Wednesday.



Foundation subjects

History- None this term, terms 1 and 2 were totally history based as are terms 5 and 6

Geography- Rivers; Maps; Grid references; Contour lines; Physical processes - erosion, transportation and deposition; World rivers; Aerial images; Mountains; UK mountains; World mountains; Compass points; Water cycle; Soil; Altitudinal zones; Data analysis

Art- Animals in art- this project teaches children about the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. They study the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling.

Design Technology- We will be taking part in a set of Design and Technology challenges with links to our local area, designed by 6 Kent attractions, learning about the process engineers go through when solving problems.

French -Year 3- Eurostars 1, Portraits Year 4-Eurostars 2, Vive le sport! (our sporting lives)

Music - Spark yard, Painting Pictures with Sound.

PSHE- Heartsmart- Don't hold onto what's wrong.

Computing- Teach Computing- Creating media- Photo editing for 2 weeks, then Programming- events and actions

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
solid	altitude	fraction	information
liquid	atmosphere	denominator	explanation
gas	gorge	numerator	leaflet
freeze	glacier	unit	fronted adverbial
evaporate	floodplain	non-unit	cause and effect
Condensation	plateau	whole	conjunction

Websites

<https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/rivers/rivers.html- Rivers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z4g3qp3>- Mountains

Special days/ Come join us

- Dates for diaries: PE is on a Wednesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Tuesday 21st Feb- Year 4 CAT tests (nothing to worry about, they provide us with information to help them moving into year 5 and 6)
- Friday 24th Feb- Fancy Dress and costume swap day
- Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Thursday 2nd March and Friday 3rd March- school library open after school for children to visit with children/siblings
- Fri 3rd March- World Book Day and cake sale (any cakes welcome)- fancy dress optional, please see the World Book Day letter for further information
- Sat 4th March- Cross Country at Quex
- Mon 6th, Tue 7th March- Book Fair- details to follow
- Wed 8th March- Parents evening consultations- please book online
- Mon 13th - Fri 17th March- STEM, science week
- Mon 20th March- Inter school Spelling Bee competition, current champions to compete against champions from 4 other local schools
- Fri 24th March- School Disco
- Fri 31st March- Easter Church service and end of term
- Reminder, both year 3 and year 4 Team Theme after school sports club is now on a Wednesday