



Monkton Church of England Primary

School

Newsletter for Class 3

Term 3- 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 be writing explanations of the water cycle, linked in to our science and geography work. We will look at the awesome power of water and rivers, using this to inspire poems in the form of Haikus and Tankas. We will also be revisiting news reports for a little more practice, reporting on the devastation that flooding can cause. This will provide us with additional opportunities to use speech punctuation. Finally, we will write detailed descriptions of mountains with a short story- *Lost in the mountains*.

Science

Our main unit will 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.

The start of the term 3 sees us continuing to explore more formal written methods for multiplication and division. Towards the end of this term we will move onto learning about length and perimeter.

General

Welcome back to the start of term 3. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and the children are ready to return. The topic this term is very geography based, as opposed to terms 1 and 2 which focused on History. The children will be learning about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

RE

In Term 2, the children will be focusing on Christianity and specifically *INCARNATION*. Seeking to explore the question: *What is the Trinity?*

ICT

This term Class 3 will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will then consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

PE

Our PE day is on Wednesday afternoon. In term 3, Team Theme will be teaching *Gymnastics*, with additional gymnastics after school clubs for Year 3 on a Tuesday and Year 4 on a Wednesday. There is an additional multi-skills club on a Thursday after school.



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- Vista- This project teaches children about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

Design Technology- Functional and Fancy fabrics-This project teaches children about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.

French -Year 3- Eurostars 1, On fait la fete (celebrations) Year 4-Eurostars 2,

Music - Spark yard, Painting Pictures with Sound.

PSHE- Heartsmart- Too much selfie isn't healthy

Computing- Teach Computing- Creating media- Photo editing

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	multiplication	Haiku
liquid	atmosphere	division	Tanka
gas	gorge	factors	explanation
freeze	glacier	product	adverbial
evaporate	floodplain	perimeter	adverb
Condensation	plateau	array	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 3rd January- staff development day
- Wednesday 4th January- Back to school, term starts
- Friday 3rd February- PTSA Film night
- Friday 10th February- end of term
- More dates to follow

Reminder, Year 3 Team Theme after school sports club is on a Tuesday after school, Year 4 Team Theme after school sports club is on a Wednesday after school. There is an additional multi-skills club open to both year groups on a Thursday after school