



## Year 3 and 4 Term 4 Newsletter Rivers and Mountains



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break! This term, our topic is all about rivers and mountains! We will be exploring Everest, comparing mountain ranges around the world, meandering our way down the River Cuckmere and River Nile and learning all about rocks, soils and how fossils are formed. To help us on our way, we will be reading some of the 'Adventure' series by Enid Blyton; Wind in the Willows and some non-fiction books to help us learn about brave explorers who have conquered Everest. We are hoping to go on a trip to The Seven Sisters Country Park to learn more about the River Cuckmere and will write to you soon with more information about this.

From 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating Science Week and focusing on the theme of 'Our Diverse World'. Please could all children bring in a shoebox (or similar box, with a joined lid) into school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March as part of their work on this project.

<b>Homework</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure it is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a <b>Thursday</b> and celebrating in assembly on Friday. The class with the most reads win a book for the class!
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every <b>Thursday</b> and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be set on a <b>Friday</b> and will be expected to have been completed by the following <b>Friday</b> . Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths'. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home. On Purple Mash, there is a Monster Multiplication challenge which the children can practise on too.
<b>Grammar</b>	Grammar homework will be sent home on a <b>Friday</b> and your child will have <b>2 weeks</b> to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around <b>40 minutes</b> . To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

**Reminders** – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

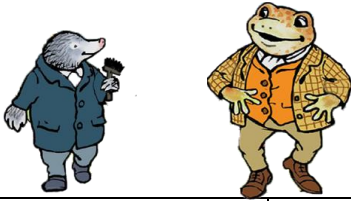
Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mr Lulham and Mrs Pattenden

**Useful Websites:**

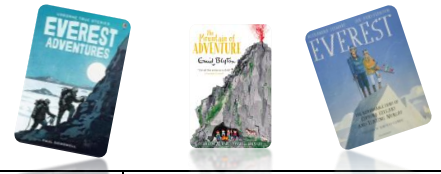
- [www.ducksters.com/geography/worldrivers.php](http://www.ducksters.com/geography/worldrivers.php)
- [www.natgeokids.com/uk/](http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/z2ym2p3](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/z2ym2p3)
- [www.sevensisters.org.uk/](http://www.sevensisters.org.uk/)

**Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?**

- Can you name some features of a river?
- How are fossils made?
- Which colours do you know in Spanish?
- What can you tell me about different mountains around the world?
- How are different types of rocks formed?
- What does 'salvation' mean to Christians?
- What instrument are you playing in Music?



# 'Rivers and Mountains' Learning Map



<p><b>Literacy</b></p>	<p><b>Biographies</b></p>	<p><b>Information leaflets</b></p>	<p><b>Recounts</b></p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p><b>Division</b></p> <p><b>Division</b></p> <p>divided by share divisible by share equally divide group divide into</p>	<p><b>Fractions</b></p>	
<p><b>DT/Art</b></p>	<p><b>Clay fossils</b></p>	<p><b>Illustrations using Wind in the Willows</b></p>	
<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p><b>Rivers and Mountains around the world</b></p>		
<p><b>PSHE</b></p>	<p><b>Healthy Me</b></p>		
<p><b>Computing</b></p>	<p><b>Emails</b></p>	<p><b>Online Safety</b></p>	
<p><b>French</b></p>	<p><b>Colours</b></p>	<p><b>Foods</b></p>	<p><b>Hobbies</b></p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p><b>Understanding Christianity: Salvation</b></p>		
<p><b>P.E.</b></p>	<p><b>Net and Ball</b></p>	<p><b>Swimming</b></p>	
<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p><b>Charanga: Glockenspiel</b></p>		
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p><b>Science Week – 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>	<p><b>Rocks, soils and fossils</b></p>	