



Christ Church Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4: 10

Welcome to the Year 4 Autumn 1 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'Mighty Mountains'. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

Mathematics

Children follow a mastery approach to maths. This half term they will be learning about whole and decimal numbers in **place value**, as well as learning about different units of measure in **length**, **perimeter** work. Year 4 will also be learning about **3D shape** with Mr Creed.

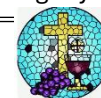


English

Key Text:

The Unsolved Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster.

Children will use their research based on reading of this text to inform their own opinions about the Loch Ness Monster. We will create a researched fact file and debate if 'Nessie' is real or indeed a myth. In writing, we will look at different features of non-fiction texts and use these to create infographics and a magazine article.



R.E.

David, God and the Psalms

What values do you consider to be important?

Children will begin this unit exploring their understanding of what values are and what values they consider to be important. We will look at the Bible story 'David and Goliath' and how David demonstrated the value of courage.



Geography

How are mountains made?

We begin this theme learning about what mountains are and how are they formed. We will then use maps to identify the UK's highest peaks before researching the enquiry question - how does Scafell Pike compare to Mount Everest? The children will then use their research to compile a presentation poster.

Science

States of Matter

Children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will also investigate and observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

P.E.

Gymnastics and Invasion Games

In P.E., Year 4 are building on previously taught skills to create a sequence of moves. The children will use a wide range of jumps, travel movements and balances in order to perform a routine to the rest of the class. In invasion games, children will explore rugby sport specific skills.

French

Encore

Children will review prior learning from Year 3, such as months of the year and colours, and apply this learning in the context of describing people.



Music

Might Mountains

In Music, Year 4 are listening to 'The Hall of the Mountain King'. Children will be using a variety of instruments to create their own musical narrative inspired by mountains.

PSHE

Me and my relationships

Children we learn about the importance of the values of cooperation, negotiation, teamwork and collaboration in forming and maintaining relationships with others.



Art/ DT

Landscapes – Painting

In Art, Year 4 will be applying painting techniques to create their own mountain landscape. We will explore colour, tone and texture, using the skill of mixing paints to achieve this.



Computing

Hardware and Software

In this unit of work children in Year 4 will learn what technology is and how it is used in everyday life. We will identify hardware and software and consider their function.