

Writing:

We will start the term, exploring setting description, linked to our geographical study of mountains, volcanos and rivers. The children will then put their debating skills to the test, by creating both one sided and balanced arguments which link to our whole-class text, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. Finally, the children will be exploring a range of children's poetry which creates imagery and symbolism.

Reading:

Through our whole class text, The Firework Maker's Daughter, by Phillip Pullman, children will be making reasonable predictions as to what the story may be about or what happens next. They will explore literal retrieval questions as well as finding the meaning of new words in context, using a range of skills. Children will also be comparing and contrasting characters within the story based on their circumstance, actions, feelings and behaviors.

RE & PHSE

In R.E. the children are learning about the benefits of listening and contributing to classroom discussions using their oracy skills. They are also looking into their identity and how people show they belong to specific religions. In PSHE, we are exploring our feelings and emotions and methods of managing how we feel.

Year 4

Topic Theme: Misty Mountain, winding rivers

Rivers and Mountains (Physical and Human Geography)

Science: Classification

Children will explore classification keys and a range of scientific grouping and sorting exercises, including investigations of vertebrates and invertebrates. Types of classification, including taxonomy. Children will be developing an understanding of and creating classification keys, related to the animal and plant kingdom, as well as classifying new discoveries.

Music:

Year 4 are fortunate enough to have a music specialist, who is currently teaching them how to play chords on the ukulele, identifying pitch, notes and performing musical pieces.

Art & DT

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

Maths

Multiplication and division, factors and multiples. Within this unit, children will be exploring efficient strategies for both multiplication and division. They will be finding all of the factors and factor pairs of given numbers. Multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by one digit and using inverse operations to check their calculations. They will then move onto shape and calculating area, whilst measuring length in unit and non-unit forms. Finally, we will be exploring fractions of both shape and number as well as equivalency.

PE: OAA: A range of adventurous activities to develop team building, communication, strategy and active listening skills.

Non-core: Misty Mountains, winding rivers

Geography:

This project teaches children 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.