



I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. This term we are focusing on our topic 'Misty Mountain, Winding River', linked to our Geography work. This will include looking at compass directions, map grid references and then exploring the mountains and rivers around the world, including North and South America.

English:

In English, we will be looking at the focus question 'How well can I personify a natural setting?'. We will answer this question through poetry.

We will be looking at settings in different lights, such as the Lake District on a sunny and a rainy day and exploring the contrast in vocabulary to describe these areas. We will be focusing on the use of personification and pathetic fallacy in our poems.

One of our new class books has been 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'. This forms a great portion of our new reading scheme we have started using in order to ensure we are all fluent, confident readers, with a range of comprehension skills in order to answer questions about a text.

We have five guided reading sessions each week, focusing on the VIPERS, vocabulary, inference, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise/sequence.

Maths:

This term we will focus on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions and decimals:

- Formal written methods for multiplying and dividing
- Measuring in kilometres and metres
- Perimeters of rectilinear shapes and polygons
- Fractions as mixed numbers
- Improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Tenths and hundredths



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What else are we covering this half term?

Science: States of Matter and Grouping and Classifying

RE: Our World and Gospel

Computing: Audio Production and Branching Databases

D&T: Functional and Fancy Fabrics

Music: Ballads and Haiku, Music and Performance

French: Colours and Jobs

Geography: Misty Mountain, Winding River

PSHE: Touch, Medicine and Hazard Watch

Art: Vista

PE: Our PE lessons focusing on 'Striking and Fielding' will be on a Monday. We will also have our swimming lessons on a Wednesday up until the half term break.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in weather-appropriate PE kit on these days with a school jumper/cardigan over the top. Hair must be tied back and earrings covered or removed.

HELP REQUIRED!

We would be very grateful if anyone would like to come in and listen to readers. Please speak to a class teacher and let them know of your availability.
Thank you!

Homework

- ❖ I would like your child to read at home at least 4 times a week. Please make a brief note or sign in your child's planner each time you have listened to them read.
- ❖ I will check planners each day. Your child will be allocated a book to read based on their current ZPD score.
- ❖ Your child will also receive a list of spellings each Friday focusing on spelling patterns we will have been learning that week. Please practice these at home ready for a test the following Friday.
- ❖ Finally, your child will also be set TTRS (times table rockstars) homework which will give them the opportunity to practice their fluency and recall of multiplication and division facts.

Thank you for all your support. Please let me know if you have any questions – our class email address is deer@stamfordbridgeschool.co.uk

Thank you,

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