



Year 3 and 4's Summer Term Topic is...

# Extreme Environments and Adventures

## Our Topic

During the summer term, our Year 3 & 4 topic will be based on Extreme Environments and Adventures. During this exciting topic, the children will take part in an outdoor 'Survival Day' and will be attending a visit to Magna. In addition to this, we will be reading 'Melt' by Ele Fountain.

## Homework

In Year 3 & 4 we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Y3 & 4 will get:

- Regular home-reading. At least three times a week. Teachers will regularly check home school diaries and value an adult's comment in there.
- Weekly spellings given out on a Friday to be practised for the following Friday.
- A weekly English or maths activity, linked to something we have recently covered in class. This will also be handed out/collected in on a Friday.
- Creative homework – one piece to be completed each half term (Summer 1 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Summer 2 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023). This piece gives children the opportunity to choose a creative, topic based, piece of homework. Further information and ideas will be sent via Arbor.
- All children also have their own log-ins for TT Rockstars which is a great resource for practising times tables.

## PE

We ask that children have their full P.E kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at weekends and holidays.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 3 & 4 Team

Below is an overview of what we will be learning this term.

<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be exploring changes of state - a perfect link with our Extreme Environments topic. We will find out about states of matter and investigate whether changes of state are reversible or irreversible. We will look at the water cycle and explore the wonderful world of plants, dissecting and drawing parts of flowers.
<b>History</b>	This term we will be learning all about some of history's greatest explorers. We will be particularly focusing on first people to explore extreme environments; ranging from the deep sea to outer space! Could you research some of the world's famous explorers? We wonder who you might be able to find out about...
<b>Geography</b>	In Geography we will be delving into the physical characteristics of a variety of locations and looking at how volcanoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis can contribute to an extreme environment. We will be also looking at real life examples of how these natural disasters have impacted different places from around the world.
<b>Art</b>	In Art we will be focusing on 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa' print by Hokusai.
<b>ICT</b>	In computing, we will be continuing our work on coding. We will also be discussing how we can keep ourselves safe online. During the second half of the term, we will be using Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint to create a fact file related to 'extreme environments'.
<b>RE</b>	In RE this term we are exploring worship, pilgrimage and community, looking at what matters to Hindus and Christians, and to us? How can we make sure everyone belongs?
<b>PE</b>	In PE we will be focussing on athletics and orienteering (Outdoor Adventurous Activity). The Y4 children will also be going swimming this term.
<b>PSHE</b>	This term's PSHE focus is 'Keeping Myself Safe' and this will include British Values and democracy.
<b>Music</b>	In music lessons we will continue to learn all about pitch, tempo, rhythm, volume and timbre including singing, performing and musical notation.
<b>DT</b>	In DT during the Summer term we will be focusing on designing and making our own tents to withstand extreme weather conditions.
<b>Spanish</b>	In Spanish, we will be continuing to learn numbers up to 15. We will also be learning to read and write sentences and questions in Spanish.