

Sycamore Class

November 2021



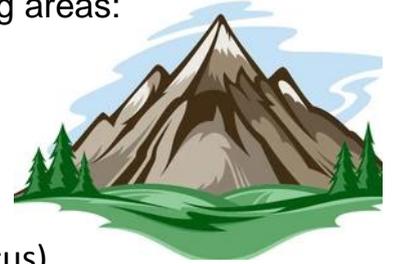
GET READY TO:
LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a great half term holiday full of fun and that you also enjoyed some time to relax and recharge ready for the busy Autumn 2 term.

Our learning in November and December:

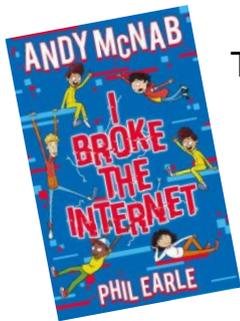
Our first topic is **Mountains**. During this unit we will cover the following areas:

- What is a mountain and how are they formed?
- Where are the mountains in the UK located?
- How are mountains shown on maps?
- Where in the world are mountains and mountain ranges?
- What is the weather and climate like on mountains? (Andes focus)
- Why do tourists visit mountains?



English:

Our first English unit is persuasive letters using: 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We will then complete some poetry linked to our science topic using the poem, 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. Finally, we will return to narrative story writing using the Christmas advert 'The Supporting act'.



This half term our class book is 'I broke the internet' by Andy McNab and Phil Earle

Maths:

Our focus for this half term will be calculation and length and perimeter, including:

- Add and subtract numbers with 3 or 4 digits
- Equivalent lengths – mm, cm, m, km
- Adding and subtracting lengths
- Perimeter of a rectangle and rectilinear shapes
- Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100
- Multiplying and dividing by 0 and 1

Children are expected to know their times tables, up to 12 x 12, by the end of year 4. Please see the additional letter about our Year 4 times table challenge on the class page of the website.

Other curriculum areas include:

- Science: Completion of States of Matter unit, then Sound
- PE – Handball (Mr Singh) and Fitness
- DT – Seasonal Stocking Sewing
- Music – Brass lessons will continue on Tuesday afternoons
- PSHE – Relationships
- RE - What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?
- French – children will be taught by a specialist French teacher (Mrs Duncan) on a Monday afternoon.
- Computing – Programming (Scratch)



Supporting learning at home:

- **Spellings:** Spellings will be taught in school and lists will not be sent home to learn.
- **Reading:** Every child needs to read every day; including weekends. In this class, children need to read for at least 15-20 minutes and talk to an adult about what they have read. Children will be given a reading journal to record their reading.
- **Times Tables:** Children will work on our times table challenge with a test on their individual focus table on a Friday.
- **Homework:** Children will be set weekly homework on a Wednesday which will be due back the following Monday. It will follow this **Wednesday-Monday** pattern throughout the year. You may support your child in tasks but please ensure if they are struggling that they know they can ask me for help.

Useful information:

Coats: Please make sure your child brings a coat so we can go outside! Also ensure that EVERYTHING is named! If it isn't, we cannot return it.

PE: On our PE days, children will need to come dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in these clothes for the rest of the school day. Please also make sure that your child has a named water bottle. In Autumn two, we will have PE on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**.

Dates for the diary:

3rd November – M and M theatre production of 'Beauty and the Beast'

5th November – Individual photographs (no PE lesson - come in school uniform)

WB 16th November – Parent's evenings (details to follow)

6th December – Cathedral visit (details to follow)

10th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Flu immunisations

21st December – Provisional date for Year 4 Class party (details to follow)

22nd December – Last day of term

10th January – Return to school

If you have any questions to ask, or have information to tell me, please get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471) I will also be available on the playground at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Gardiner.