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Year 4

What a great start to the year!

It's been the most fantastic start to a school year and all the staff in year 4 would like to say a big thank you to our students!

Our book, *The Jumbies*, really caught the imagination of everyone and the children were totally hooked! We're confident our next book, *The Abominables*, will hold a similar appeal.

PE Days

Please note your class's PE days for the new term.

Larch—Tuesday and Friday

Silver Birch—Tuesday and Friday



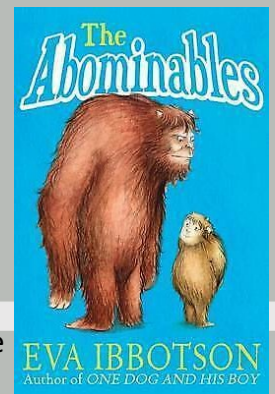
Writing

In English, we will be using *The Abominables* to inspire our writing of character descriptions, as well as using an event in the story to write an emotive diary entry. The book ties in with our geography and art units on mountains as the story starts out high up in the Himalayas. We wonder if anyone can find out where in the world the Himalayas is as well as the name of the highest mountain there.



Reading

The story of *The Abominables* was written by the amazing author, Eva Ibbotson. Set in the Himalayan mountains, the daughter of an English explorer is abducted from her mountainside tent by a huge hairy monster - none other than the infamous Yeti. What will happen next? This is a really exciting adventure story which we're sure Year 4 will love. Throughout our reading lessons, we will be delving into the text thinking about characters, plot points and the meaning of words in the context of this particular story. We'll also be making links to other stories we've read—there's something similar between *The Abominables* and *The Jumbies* ... can you spot what it is from the front cover?



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Art

In Art, children will be creating their own mountain landscapes while learning to use tone, saturation and hue in their painting, as well as using layering techniques to indicate depth.

Geography

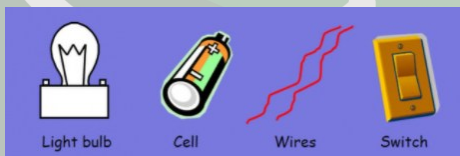
This half term we'll be looking at Monstrous Mountains, exploring the highest peaks and using maps to find out where they are.

We'll be comparing home-grown mountains like Ben Nevis to the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.



Science

In Power It Up! children revisit some uses of electricity and the importance of safety before constructing simple circuits and making a light-up greeting card in the run up to Christmas.



Maths

Our year 4 children will be getting up to 3 sessions a week on Chromebooks to practise times tables on TTRS. We would love to encourage children to practise at home too, so please remind your child to complete their 15 minutes homework on garage as a minimum every week.



RE

This half term in RE, the children are learning about the Christian story of Advent. As part of this, we will be visiting the local St Clement's Church to learn more about the symbolism of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the Christian faith. More details will be sent out shortly.



In other news ...

We hope you enjoyed sampling the Caribbean patties that year 4 made. They used all their health and safety knowledge to ensure surfaces and hands were clean and thought really carefully about fillings, seasonings and healthy choices.



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