



RIVERS & MOUNTAINS – TERM 1 – FOXLGLOVE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We're hitting the ground running with lots of lovely learning.

In **English**, we will use the story 'The Giant and the Sea' as our text. The Children will write a sequel to the story in their narrative unit and a formal, persuasive letter to the Mayor to change things for the better. Our poetry will be harvest poems.

In **Maths**, we are focusing on place value – a big topic that covers the value of digits, Roman numerals, rounding, dividing & multiplying by 10/100/1000, negative numbers and rounding. We will then go onto addition and subtraction as part of our recap for the 4 operations.

The early maths topics are vitally important to master as a bedrock for all subsequent maths. Please encourage your child/ren to complete their Doodle homework and also TT Rockstars practice. Mastering these building blocks allows them to concentrate on learning new content in class. Thank you.

Homework

Maths: Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (Staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). They are also expected to complete their TT Rockstars session (15 mins per week) OR Doodle Tables (Target stars). This is monitored in school and those not completing it will be expected to do so on a Friday.

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays. Children not reading at home will stay in during Monday morning play to catch up.

Spellings: Children are required to complete their weekly spellings – 3 different ways, including 1 of these being the words written in context. This is checked on Fridays. They will be given set spellings each week to practice based on the patterns being taught in school or statutory spellings for their year group.

PE days will be on a **Thurs & Fri Y4 and Tues, Wednesday for Y5**. PE kits **MUST** be in line with school policy. Plain white T-shirt and black shorts/skorts. Trainers or Daps. A dark, logo-free hoodie

This term is a geography term. We will look at rivers and mountains, looking at the key aspects of human and physical features in different regions. We will also learn about the water cycle.

In **Science**, we will look at electrical circuits and how light travels. **DT** will see Year 4 learning about food miles and creating and evaluating a recipe. Year 5 will be honing their sewing skills, looking at refashioning an old garment instead of throwing it away. Any volunteers for these DT topics would be wonderful. Just let us know.

Looking forward to the year ahead with you all,

Ms Gentle & Mrs Kupai