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Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely start to the academic year and the children have enjoyed making a variety of potions and sharing their inventive creations with the rest of the class. In Science they have enjoyed looking at the effects of air and gas on a range of materials; they have used a soda stream to investigate carbon dioxide and looked at how to create a fair test.

Next term our topic title is 'Misty Mountain Sierra'. In Geography we will be using maps to locate mountain ranges, as well as looking at physical processes which lead to the formation of mountain ranges. In Science we will continue to look at 'States of Matter' and link this to the water cycle. Art will consist of weaving and clay modelling. If you have any spare offcuts of material that you could spare, we will creatively put them to good use.

In English we will be creating explanation texts, recounts and non-chronological reports and in Computing we will look at satellite mapping and 2-D animation.

Homework

Can I remind you that Maths or Literacy homework will be set on a Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday? (This provides me with time to mark, provide feedback or allow children to share work where appropriate.) Occasionally there may also be small tasks related to our other areas of learning. Spellings will also be sent home on a Thursday to be learnt for the following Friday when they will be tested in class. These spellings will have been taught during the week through our Read Write Inc spelling programme.

Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. Reading books will be changed and altered when we feel a child is confident with decoding the text, but also shows a solid understanding of the text read. Guided reading opportunities will be provided on a regular basis in class.

With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children in Year 4 learn and secure their times tables up to 10 x 10. Regular practice at home is extremely important.

PE

We are hoping that weather will remain kind this term as we would like to participate in orienteering style activities linked to our main topic. We would therefore appreciate if the children can have a suitable outdoor PE kit available in school on both a Wednesday and a Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with your child's learning,

With kind regards,

Mrs K Malone

