

## School Newsletter March 2016

### Topic - Mountains

The topic we have been learning about over this term is mountains. We did topic on Monday afternoons. In our first lesson we wrote down all the things we knew about mountains and all the things we wanted to know. Then over the next few weeks we learnt how mountains were formed and how mountains have climates of their own. We also looked at the geography of mountains. What are the Seven Summits? Where are the big mountain ranges? Who climbed Mount Everest first? We also learnt about the tree-line and snow-line and what foothills are.

After half term we found out that we were going to make a massive poster each on one of the mountain ranges. Daniel did the Andes which are in South America, Imogen did the Great Dividing Range in Australia, Rufus and Isaac did the Rockies in North America, Molly did the Alps, which are in Europe, Rebekah did the Himalayas which are in Asia. Miyah did the Atlas Mountains in Africa and Tilly and Iyannah did the mountains of Antarctica.



Once we had finished the A1 posters we started making our own model of our mountain range or a single peak in it. We use cardboard, plasticine, papier mache, mod-roc, clay or even salt dough. We have decorated them with rivers and trees and rocks. We are also planning on going up a mountain at the end of term. Personally I think this is one of the best topics we have done and I have seen all of them!

### Mountain Trip



Following on from the report above, most of the pupils and their parents made an ascent of Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. It was a cold and windy spring day with temperatures of -1C on the summit. We didn't get a view from the top because of the low cloud but it was a great day nonetheless.

On the summit most of us enjoyed lunch in Mr. Gulliford's big blue shelter. It flapped around a lot in the wind but kept us warm and out of the wind.



Well done to **everyone** who got to the top and back down safely.

### Art

In art we have been learning how to draw and paint different styles of mountains.

First we did printing of mountains. We stuck cardboard onto a piece of card and printed it. We learnt about backgrounds and foregrounds. We looked at Mount Fuji as a subject.

Then we did eagles with a background of mountains painted with water-colours and that was really fun. Next we painted with acrylics. We painted lots of strokes of different colours.

### Visit to Bristol Hindu Temple



On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 we went to a Hindu temple in Bristol. We saw pictures of gods. There was a god whose head got chopped off and was replaced by an elephant's head. There was a picture of a lion. There were flower patterns hanging from the roof, bowls of coconuts along the side and food to offer to the gods like oranges or bananas.

The man who showed us around had a spot on his forehead. When we arrived there was a very strong smell of incense.

### Sports News

In school we have been doing a series of sports including cross country, dance, football and netball.

#### Cross Country

In cross country there have been four races.

In the first race everyone was nervous but had a great time. It was cold, wet and muddy but everyone fought hard not to come last. Everyone felt like they were going to collapse.

In the second race the weather wasn't great but we still kept on going.

The third race was nice because the grass had frost on it and it was bouncy so easy to run on.

The last race was postponed because of flooding but when it was rescheduled it was best race of all. But when the date came we all felt very excited because afterward was the parents race. Phillip Malcolm ran the parents race and came 7<sup>th</sup> and Joanna Gulliford came around 30<sup>th</sup>. Surprisingly a man dressed up in a dinosaur costume and ran the race!

#### Dance

On Wednesdays in P.E. we have been making up a dance routine to show the flexi-schoolers who come in on a Friday and the parents. It was quite hard to agree what type of dance moves we were going to choose because everyone had different ideas. We made up most of the routine but the teachers did give us a little bit of help. So far the dance looks really good but we still need to practice some of the moves. (editor's note: This dance was performed to the flexi-schoolers and the staff present on the last day of term – they were suitably impressed).

#### Football

On Friday we've been doing football in P.E. We are looking forward to having some friendlies with Emmaus School next term.

### World Book Day



Once again we celebrated World Book Day – an event much anticipated and deliberated over by the children. On the day we had a wonderful collection of books represented and talked about – classics (Little Women), fairy tales (Beauty and the Beast), modern (Funnybones) and old (the Light Princess), serious (Henry V) and hilarious (the Cat in the Hat) and a group entry from the Wizard of Oz. There was also Araminta Spook and Charlotte's Web amongst others.

We all enjoyed sharing stories at the end of the afternoon whilst some of us sipped hot chocolate.

## Mother's Tea



As a special treat to all our mother's we laid on an afternoon tea for everyone who was able to attend. This included sandwiches, cakes and tea served in bone china cups.



We made all the food ourselves, designed and produced the invitations and then we had to be the waiters serving the guests and making sure that they received everything the needed.

All the mothers said it was a fantastic treat and we have a received a number of thank-you letters.

## 2016 Term Dates

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Notable Dates

14<sup>th</sup> April – Monthly prayer meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> April – Football friendly at Emmaus  
18<sup>th</sup> April – Netball game against Frampton Cotterell CofE  
25<sup>th</sup> April – Netball game at Emmaus  
12<sup>th</sup> May – Monthly prayer meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> June – Monthly prayer meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Monthly prayer meeting

## Staff News

We are currently advertising a vacancy for a KS2 teacher. If you know of anyone who would be interested please contact Jonathan Gulliford.

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