

Dear Parents and carers,

12.1.18

Welcome back! Our spring term is going to be a very busy one with lots of activities planned based on our new topic “**River Deep, Mountain High**”. The topic web shows an overview of all the main topic areas to be covered in Year 4 this term.

As the children want to base the topic around mountains and rivers, climbing a mountain would be a fantastic way for the children to be immersed in the topic! We don't have any mountains in Sussex but what about going for some extended walks in the countryside, which is right on our doorstep? The South Downs provide excellent walking trails for all abilities and there is also the National Park that is worth a visit. <http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/>
<http://www.westsussex.info/south-downs-way.shtml>

There are several rivers nearby that can be accessed at different points. <http://www.jim-shead.com/waterways/localww.php?cy=sussex>
http://www.violetdesigns.co.uk/midhurst_river_walk.htm
Happy exploring!

This term the children will be **swimming first thing on a Monday morning**. Please ensure your child has their **swimming kit** with them. **PE** will take place on a **Tuesday** with Mr Beggs, please make sure your child has a **full labelled PE kit in school**.

Our **home learning** routines will stay the same this term. **Spelling and times tables** will be given out on a **Monday to be returned and tested on the following Monday**. **Home learning books will be given out on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday**. Please choose one activity to complete per week from the grid. Your child will receive 5 pupil points for completing their home learning. As always, we appreciate your support with this.

Here are useful websites:

Topic

Woodlands Junior - General information about mountains and rivers

<http://resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/homework/mountains.htm> National Geographic

Kids - A great site for information about mountain animals and general habitat information

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids> NeoK12 - Information and videos about mountains

<http://www.neok12.com/Mountains.htm> Easy Science for Kids - More fun facts about mountains

<http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-mountains/>

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/rivers/whatis_river/index.shtml - Information, videos and facts

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers.html - River facts

Maths

www.timestable.co.uk

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html> games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

English

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english_games_and_activities

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

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Finally, if you have any queries or worries at all, come and speak to one of us any morning before school or at the end of the school day.

Yours truly,

Miss Botting and Miss Beavis