Our PE this Half Term

This half term we will really be working to refine our Isle Dance performance. The children are really enjoying this and it is helping their teamwork skills to work on this together. Please also note that our PE is going to be moving to a Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their kit in school on a Thursday and Friday afternoon so that they can fully participate - especially as it may be muddy next term!

Our Religious Education this Half Term

Have you ever looked after something precious? How would you treat it? This half term our theme will be 'Stewardship' and we will be looking at creation stories from different cultures and religions. We will also be making links to citizenship and how important it is for us to look after our world.

How can you help at home?

Reading - We will be working on prediction - asking what they think will happen next and why when they are reading will help this!

Maths - Supporting the children with the rapid recall of their times tables will really help their multiplication and division.

Theme - The children have been set an 'Mountains Challenge' - they are to research a mountain range or mountain of their choice and they need to be in school for 13th of January.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Monday 13th January 2020</u> - The children have an exciting history linked art day with 'Lift the Lid'.

Thurs 16th- Fri 17th January 2020 - Alex Rider Trip.

 $\underline{\text{W/C 3rd February 2020}}$ - Assessment Week - a chance for the children to show all of their learning.

<u>Tuesday 11th February 2020</u> - Internet Safety Day.

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020 - HALF TERM.

Mon 2nd/wed 4th March 2020 - Parents' Evenings.

Thursday 5th March 2020 - World Book Day - All children to dress as a bee!!





Nine Acres Primary School Spring Term 1

Stirling Class





Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we will be developing our Geography skills through our exciting mountains theme - we will be focusing on 'The Alps' but I am looking forward to hearing all about the different mountains that they have researched over the break. We will also be immersing ourselves in the world of spies with our 'Stormbreaker' topic and I am really looking forwards to our spy camp! Thank you so much for supporting these learning opportunities - it does really enrich the curriculum for the children!

With thanks, Mrs Tingle.

Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 5 - Spring Term 1 2020 - Where shall we go on holiday?

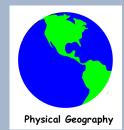
Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

- Mountains make up one-fifth of the world's landscape.
- Mount Everest is the world highest mountain and it is 8,850m high.
- There are mountains under the surface of the sea.
- 80% of our fresh water originates from mountains.
- The highest 14 mountains in the world are all found in the Himalayas.
- Generally mountains are higher than 600m, if they are less they are called hills.
- Mountains can be rocky and barren but some have trees growing on their sides and very high mountains have snow on their peaks.

Key Skills



We will be developing the children's locational knowledge with activities such as identifying where the major mountain ranges are.



Are the Alps always snowy? We will also be looking at this region in particular detail – even learning how they

were formed.

<u>Key</u>

Vocabulary



peak	The peak is the highest point of any mountain.
valley	A valley is a long depression, or ditch, in the Earth's surface and usually lies between ranges of hills or mountains.
cliff	Cliffs are tall, steep rocks that were created by erosion and have vertical faces.
ridge	A ridge is part of the steep, sloping side of a mountain.
plateau	A plateau is an area of flat ground that is much higher than the surrounding area.
summit	The summit is the highest point of a mountain.
hill	A hill is a landform that is high but not high enough to be a mountain.
terrain	Terrain is used as a general term when referring to the lie of the land.
range	A mountain range is a group or chain of mountains that are close together.
tectonic plates	The Earth's outer layer is made up of large, moving pieces called plates.
fold mountains	Fold mountains are formed when two plates run into each other or collide.

Our English this half term! Exciting books that we will also be sharing

This half term we will be linking our English learning to Anthony Horowitz's text Stormbreaker. We will be inventing our new spy gadgets and developing our explanation writing to say how they work. Linking back to our Egyptian work, we will also be returning to persuasive writing to persuade MI5 to stock our gadgets!



Our Mathematics this half term!

This half term we will be developing our multiplication and division skills - building on from previous learning to work with two digit numbers. We will also be exploring fractions - the children have shown a good aptitude for this in their Early Bird work so I look forward to deepening their understanding.