

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are now in the second half of the year - time is really flying! I am really looking forwards to seeing you all at parents' evening to discuss the year so far and the progress which your child has made. I am able to be flexible with timings so if you cannot make the Monday or Wednesday due to work commitments etc then please let me know and we can find a time which works for you!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st March 2019 - Space Camp - All Year 4's - Stargazing Sleepover.

Friday 29th March 2019 - Maths Open Classroom 11.00-12.00pm.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 - Mountain Challenge 9.15-10.30am.

Thursday 25th April 2019 - Mayflower Trip to see Terrible Tudors.

On Friday 29th of March, we will be holding a Maths open morning. This is an opportunity to come in and see a maths lesson in action. You will be able to take part in problem solving activities alongside your child and they will be able to show you how far their maths has come!

Also, on Wednesday 3rd of April, I would like to invite you to come in and take part in our 'Misty Mountains' unit of learning. We are going to get the iPads out and plan a mountain expedition! We will be working out the kit we will need, where we will visit and how we will get there. I will ask for numbers closer to the time so that we can book the hall if needed! I wonder which corners of the globe we will be dreaming about visiting!

The children are generally managing to be extremely organised with their homework and I was blown away by the children's predator projects - they truly were the best that I have ever come across! If finding the time/quiet space to do homework in is tricky, we do offer a free homework club after school which allows the children access to resources and support to complete.

Last half term we were hunting for the oldest 1p - well done to the children who found some from 1971 - the year they were introduced! I wonder if anyone can find and 2ps or 5ps from this year?

As always, please come and see myself or Mrs Smith if you have any questions

Many thanks, Mrs Tingle



Nine Acres Primary School

Spring Term 2 2019

Alswick Class

Mrs Tingle



Mrs Smith



Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 3/4 - Spring 2 2019- Theme: Misty Mountains

Science

How do we stand up tall and stay fit and healthy? In science we will be looking at animals including humans! We will be exploring nutrition, comparing and contrasting diets of different animals and researching different food groups and how they keep us healthy. We will also be looking at skeletons and muscles, finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.



English - The Hobbit, Bear Grylls and Tales of Adventure



This half term we are going to be writing about a very famous person linked the Isle of Wight - Bear Grylls! We will be writing biographies about his life and imagining how it must have felt to have climbed Everest with some diary entries, We are also going to be revisiting setting descriptions using scenes from The Hobbit as inspiration and we will also develop our description through poetry. We will also be developing our reporting style of writing with a newspaper report about a mountain adventure. All of our writing opportunities are going to give us an opportunity to keep developing our sentence structures and our use of punctuation for precision.

PE

PE this half term will continue on a Wednesday and Friday afternoons. As well as continuing with netball the children will be developing their hand-eye co-ordination with games of netball. On a Thursday afternoon Year 4 have Forest School so will need a change of clothes. While they are doing this, we have lots of exciting curriculum - enriching ideas for Year 3 also!



Mathematics

Ever wondered why graphs are used? we have interpreted pictograms and have even carried out our own enquiries and charted some results. We are also going to be interpreting data from tables and graphs so there will be lots of 'real world' application opportunities for our learning. We will then move onto calculating area and perimeter of shapes – this will be a great opportunity to practice our multiplication skills which we have already worked on this year.



Theme

Have any of you ever climber a mountain? We will be learning about where some of the most famous mountain ranges are on a map and we will develop our map work skills. We will also be planning our own expedition to a mountain range using our ICT resources. Where will we end up? We will also make links to our data handling work in maths as we create bar charts and convert units of measure. As well as this we have an art day, where we will create our very own 'Misty Mountain' art and music on a Tuesday afternoon. We will also be continuing learning about Buddhism and will be investigating what they mean by 'karma'.

