

# Hove Junior School

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Summer Term 2023



## Let the Adventure Begin!

We are delighted to present our whole school, summer topic 'Let the Adventure Begin!'

For this exciting learning journey our children are becoming conscientious, world adventurers! They will traverse the globe exploring different locations, acquiring key geography skills and some will even investigate ancient civilisations. All the while considering their role as global citizens and caretakers of our wonderful planet!

*Year 6 will continue to study World War 2 for the first 4 weeks of term before joining the rest of the school on their own adventure to China!*

### **Stunning Start 17.4.23: Taking flight to South America!**

When the children return to school after the Easter break they will be given passports and will board planes to South American locations:

- Year 3 will fly to Buenos Aires in Argentina
- Year 4 will head to Santiago in Chile
- Year 5's destination will be Brasília in Brazil

All year groups will have a geography focus for the first half of the term which will begin in this vast continent:

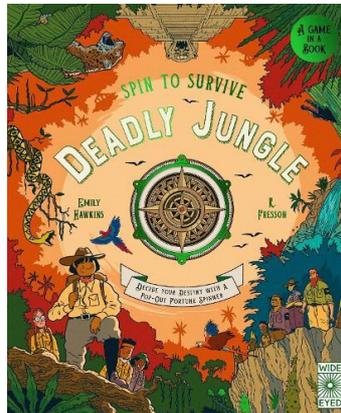
- Year 3 Mountains: Andes mountain range
- Year 4 Volcanos: Volcano Osorno
- Year 5 Rivers: Amazon river

As the term goes on, children in years 3, 4 and 5 will head to their next destination where they will have the chance to develop geographical skills and knowledge even further.

- Year 3 travel to Scotland to learn about weather patterns within the UK and study mountain formation
- Year 4 travel to Iceland (Eyjafjallajökull) then onto Greenland to deepen their knowledge of volcanoes and colder climates in relation to the Equator
- Year 5 travel to India to further their learning on rivers and compare the great Ganges to the awesome Amazon river
- Year 6 join the whole school topic and travel to China, specifically the 'Ring of Fire' where they will delve into a unit of work on earthquakes.

## Core Texts

The whole school text (years 3, 4 and 5) for the first three weeks will be the wonderful spinner, based adventure book: **'Spin to Survive Deadly Jungle'** by Emily Hawkins and R. Fresson. Children will have the opportunity to see how a single decision can change the course of an adventurer's experiences and have the chance to create a range of texts including detailed persuasive writing, factual accounts of famous survivors and survival instructions.



Following this, years 3, 4 and 5 will move onto a new core text linking either to their next travel location or their geography learning. Years 3 and year 4 will read 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold:

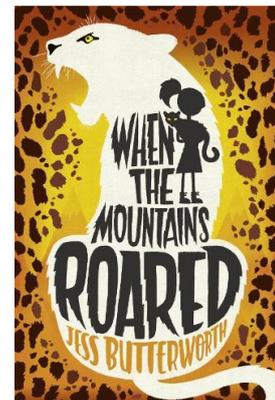


'Both absorbing animal adventure and subtle commentary on climate change and the plight of endangered species, *The Last Bear* revolves around April, the daughter of an Arctic researcher, and her chance encounter with a lone polar bear.' (<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-last-bear/hannah-gold/levi-pinfold/9780008411312>)

Year 5 will read 'When the Mountains Roared' by Jess Butterworth.

'A vivid, warm and atmospheric adventure set in the mountains of India, about a girl who is determined to protect the wild leopards of the mountain from poachers...'

(<https://www.waterstones.com/book/when-the-mountains-roared/jess-butterworth/rob-biddulph/9781510102118>)





Throughout our whole school topic, children will have the opportunity to learn more about sustainability, caring for the environment and protecting the world they are exploring for the future. Links will be made across subjects including geography, science, art and maths. In the second half of the term children will enjoy a Maths Day where their challenge will be to find the most sustainable way home from where they are. They will need to calculate: the carbon emissions of the different choices of transport, the time it would take, and the financial cost alongside factors such as weather, terrain and physical exertion (calories needed!).

Our annual Art Week will take place in the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and will also centre on the topic of 'Eco'. We can't wait to introduce the children to artists such as Hiroshi Fuji, Olafur Eliasson, Tan Zi Xi and Olalekan Jeyifous who use their art to hold a lens to the issues of global warming, plastic waste and the mistreatment of the environment. Parents and carers will be able to see the children's work from this week at our end of term Fabulous Finishes.

It is sure to be a topic full of exploration, new learning and aspirational escapades. Let the adventure begin!

Please click the links below to see the core knowledge files for each year group.

**Year 3:** <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6555&type=pdf>

**Year 4:** <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6556&type=pdf>

**Year 5:** <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6557&type=pdf>

**Year 6:** <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6558&type=pdf>