

Year 4 Autumn 1st half. What if you had to climb a mountain?

Week	NC objectives	Big question	REMEMBER	KNOW
			(prior knowledge)	(new knowledge)
1	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography (mountains) and human geography. Use maps, atlases, globes and	Where are the major mountain ranges of the world?	Name and location of the 7 continents. Himalayas mountain range is a physical feature of India. Highest mountain range in Europe = Alps. Carpathian mountain range is in Romania.	A mountain range is a group of mountains found on land or under the sea. Andes - South America. Himalayas - Asia. Atlas - Africa. Appalachian - North America. Know which mountain ranges are in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere.
2	digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. Identify the position and significance of Equator, Northern Hemisphere,	How were different types of mountains formed?	How volcanoes are formed. Tectonic plates ~ what they are and where they are found.	Fold mountain: tectonic plates push forward over years making more and more folds. Fault-block mountain: as 2 tectonic plates move, a big slab of land breaks off. It is forced up and becomes a mountain. Dome mountain: liquid rock inside the Earth forces the ground above it upward. Plateau mountain: formed by erosion. Large flat areas are pushed above sea level by forces within the Earth.
3	Southern Hemisphere, Arctic and Antarctic Circle.	Why are mountain ranges important?	Major mountain ranges: Andes - South America. Himalayas - Asia. Atlas - Africa. Appalachian - North America. Alps - Europe.	Biodiversity, water, clean air, research, cultural diversity, leisure, landscape and spiritual values are all provided by mountain ranges. Almost all major rivers start in the mountains.
4		What is it like in the Himalayas?	Himalayas are in Asia. Countries that border India.	Himalaya means 'home of snow' ~ snow never melts. Contains glaciers.

		Climate of India ~ India has a monsoon season. Four different types of mountain: fold, fault-block, dome and plateau.	Fold mountains. Extend through Pakistan, China, India, Nepal and Bhutan. Mount Everest is tallest peak. The climate, precipitation and temperature of the Himalayan mountain range and region depend on the altitude.
5		Physical features of the Himalayas.	Sherpas live in the valleys of the Himalayas. Grow crops like wheat and potatoes and some also raise yak. Often keep moving like nomads and live in multiple small stone huts in highlands and lowlands depending on the season. Work as mountain guides at Mount Everest. Genetically adapted to high altitudes.
6	Who was Sir Edmund Hillary?	Physical features of the Himalayas. What life is like for Sherpas.	Explorer and mountain climber from New Zealand. First person to climb to summit Mount Everest with Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa.