



## School News from Copley Junior School



### Learning about Geography at Copley Junior

At Copley Junior School, we teach all the requirements of the National Curriculum for Geography through engaging and creative learning projects.

In Year 3, one of their geography topics has been 'Flow'. Children learned about parts of a river; identified the stages of the water cycle and created fantastic powerpoints with animations to present their learning. They also investigated different water samples to determine just how clean they really were, using evaporation to see what residues were left behind. As part of their project Year 3 made water wheels, trialling different designs until they found the most effective designs.



### Mountain Explorer Academy

To launch their current geography project on mountains, Year 4 entered the Mountain Explorer Academy for an action packed day of learning and activities. Delivered by an experienced mountaineer and expedition leader, the workshop was a mixture of short, interactive presentations (full of photos, videos and stories from recent mountaineering expeditions) and hands-on activities in small teams (e.g. mapping exercises, mountain-themed problem solving challenges, a quiz on the hazards of mountain travel, a wildlife identification competition etc).



Year 5 started their Local Study project by undertaking a walk to identify key geographical features of the local environment. Back at school, children used primary sources, maps and knowledge from their local walk, to produce their own detailed sketch map of our beautiful local area.



As part of their geography work in Year 6, children start their project on 'Frozen Kingdom' with a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to meet the polar bears and learn how species have adapted to their environment. Back in the classroom, children used maps, reference books and the Internet to learn about the two Polar regions of Antarctica and the Arctic, and the animals and plants that live there, before producing detailed written accounts and art work to share their learning. Some of the children's lovely work is shared in the display below.



If you would like to find out more about our teaching of geography, and to see more of the children's fantastic work, please visit our website at:  
<http://www.copley.doncaster.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/geography>

We look forward to sharing more of our learning soon,

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