



Autumn Term 2026 - Dosbarth Caerdydd  
Let's Go Global  
*'Natural Giants.'*

### Topic Overview

This term, our class is exploring the incredible world of mountains. The children will discover how mountains have shaped the lives of people, communities and cultures from around the world, whilst developing a deeper understanding of our own local area and Welsh heritage. We will compare life in Wales with mountain communities around the world, investigate how mountains are formed, and learn why these remarkable environments are so important to our planet. Throughout the topic, children will be encouraged to develop a sense of belonging, empathy, resilience and responsibility as global citizens.

### Why is this important?



Learning about mountains helps children understand the relationship between people and the natural world. By exploring different environments and cultures, they will develop empathy, appreciation for diversity and a greater awareness of how our actions can affect communities and landscapes around the globe. This learning supports children to become ethical, informed citizens who understand that their choices can make a positive difference to the world around them.



### What will we be doing?

The children will explore mountains both locally and globally, beginning with Eryri and Wales before travelling virtually to mountain regions around the world. They will investigate how mountains are formed, discover how weather and climate change in mountainous areas, and learn about the plants, animals and people that live there. They'll also learn about the challenges mountains bring, and tradition and culture that surround them, as well as how people have represented them in more creative ways. Through discussion, enquiry and hands-on investigations, children will consider environmental challenges such as climate change, tourism and conservation, and explore how we can protect these natural giants for future generations.

As we learn, we will strengthen literacy skills through developing recount writing, carrying out research, reading a range of information texts and traditional tales, as well as applying skills already learned to create explanations, reports and instructions, presenting information and participating in discussions and debates. Speaking, listening, reading and writing opportunities will be embedded throughout the topic.

Mathematics and numeracy skills will be developed through meaningful and authentic discovery and problem-solving activities including the deepening understanding of number, handling data, map skills, measuring distances and making comparisons.

Within DCF (Digital Competence Framework/ IT), the children will be developing research skills, create multimedia presentations, and learn how to use information responsibly by citing sources accurately.



To develop Global Pledges that encourage others to protect our natural world and care for the environment. To support someone to be independent in another part of the world through 'Lend With Care'.



How can parents/carers support at home?

- **Talk about places that matter:** Discuss favourite local places and why they are important to you.
- **Explore maps together:** Find mountains, use grid reference and talk about other features and uses of maps.
- **Encourage curiosity:** Watch documentaries, read books or explore websites about mountains, wildlife and different cultures.
- **Use maths in everyday life:** Read maps, compare distances, measure heights or interpret information from charts and graphs. Discuss temperatures, and encourage the reading and writing of large numbers.
- **Discuss environmental responsibility:** Talk about simple ways we can care for our planet and protect natural environments.
- **Keep up to date:** Check updates on Class Dojo for celebrations, important information and upcoming events.
- **Support wellbeing:** Encourage outdoor activity, reflection and positive routines.
- **Help me access the full curriculum:** Regularly read with your child or encourage them to read independently, and complete their Reading Record, practise their focus spellings with them, help them learn the times tables and encourage them to use the Welsh language patterns that they're using in school. Lastly, encourage them to tell you about the learning they've done each day.



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