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Anthology *of the* Alps

Many Great Reasons To Visit The Alps

No.1 | *The Alps taste as beautiful as they look*

No.2 | *Destination Alps!*

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This anthology is the culmination of Tan and Dahl classes' hard work since the Ministry of Stories project began back in October 2025. Taking 'the Alps' as a starting point, we have seen the children from both classes grow in confidence and embrace their role as creative writers to produce this collection of works to be proud of.

Thanks to Michelle and Rowan for expertly guiding the children (and colleagues) through the creative writing process; we have all learnt so much from your endless enthusiasm and encouragement. It has been such a joy to see all of our children contributing ideas and engaging in the writing process each week. Teachers have observed and taken strategies back to their own classrooms, making this a school-wide project too.

*Kathryn Green, Deputy Headteacher,
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The art of writing about the Alps is a fine one. For centuries it has inspired writers and storytellers, attracted adventurers, and provided people and animals icy passage through its terrain. Full of secrets, lost objects and letters, myths and legends, castles and creatures never seen before (or possibly again), there is so much more to be told about this region. More than we ever imagined when we set out to make this anthology.

Every poem captures the atmosphere of a moment, feeling or experience; every story opens a path to new worlds and courageous quests - some with endings yet to be discovered. As you delve deeper into your reading journey, keep your ears peeled for the sound of cow bells or the warning rumble of an avalanche. Especially as you get closer to the treasure you seek, which legend has it, is buried deep inside a glacial cave. Keep your courage close, your hands warm in gloves, and your eyes open for unexpected creatures - be it an ibex defying gravity or an otax summoning water with its mouth.

Thank you to each and every writer for the joy, beauty, adventure, playfulness and curiosity that has created this work. Rowan and I are very grateful to have been part of it.

*Michelle McMahon,
Writing Facilitator*

Haikus conquer *new heights*

Cozy and quiet
Hot chocolate with marshmallow
No more freezing nights

No more freezing nights
Warm hood pockets stuffed with fluff
Cozy and quiet

Saving Chilly Tung Tung

The cold icy place
My friend is chilly up here
His echo so loud

That One Day...

Angels in the sky
Crushed sugar under our toes
Ice needles up high

Sky full of cotton candy
Bitter and chilly
The Alps is so tasty



The Lovely Alpines

On the quiet floor
I lay there stationary
My finger

The Winter Miracle

Magic in the air
Snow crushing beneath my feet
Making snow angels

Brrr In the Alps!

I'm like an Ice cube
I see frozen volcanoes
Oh my, so chilly!

Breath hanging chilly
Sky full of white blanket flour
Flowing where I go

When I pick up the ice
I forget my gloves
I get frostbite!

In The Alps I ski
Frost falling from my ice skates
I love The Alps

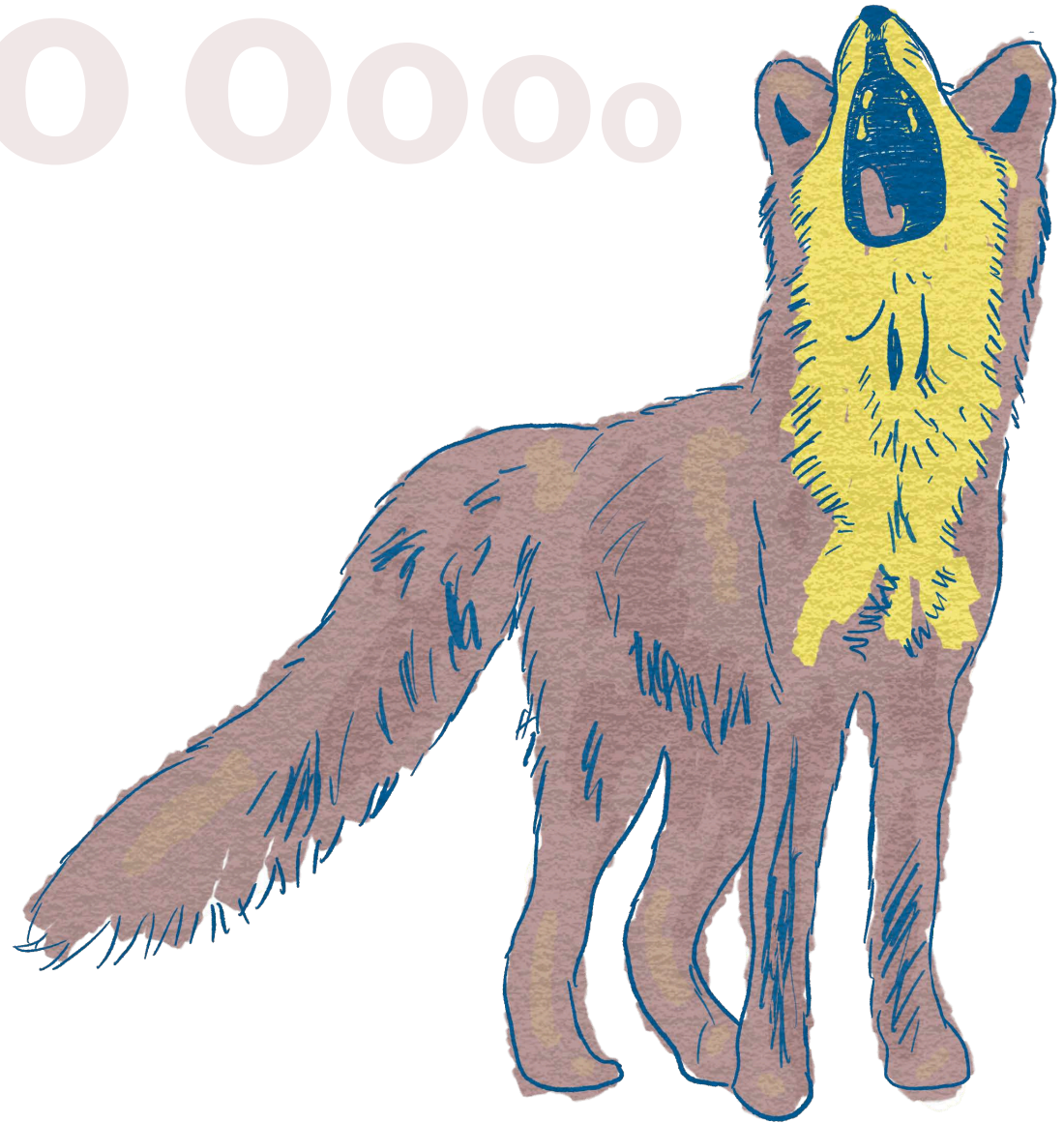
The Evil Foxes

Steam leaving my nose
Crunchy sugar triangles
White foxes hunting

Howo OooOo

The snow is so cold
My fingers are icicles
Where are my grey gloves?

Looking at my breath
Making frosty snow angels
Ice buries my feet



The White Frosty Stream

The refreshing stream
Lay blanketed in white frost
Trickling in Ice

Steam leaving my mouth
Crunchy sugar in the air
Foxes hunting prey

Frosting coloured floors
Deer, goats and rabbits waiting
Winter arises

Out at night watching
Away at day waiting
Watching over me

WHEN boredom turns to EXCITEMENT

It's pouring right now
It is like a safe blizzard
FINALLY, FREEDOM

School day! Snow day! Holiday!

My School in the Alps

Snow still distracts me
It's cold and stormy and loud
I am sometimes late

Frosty Playground

The snow last week was
Just frost and stuck to the ground
Cannot get picked up.

Penguin holiday

Penguin sliding on the snow.
Having fun drinking
hot chocolate
And eating ginger bread
And enjoying holiday without school

No more ice school

YAY



No.5 | *Welcome to the Alps, winter holidays you can trust*

No.6 | *The valley of the forgotten gold*

Snow and Ice

People are racing in the skating rink having fun, while glaciers fall with the freezing ice. Icicles drop and people are catching them with their bare hands. "Brrrrrr. It is like an ice field," they say. "I am cold let's go home..." "NO I CHANGE MY MIND I don't want to." "OW" I cry "I fell down it hurts" I say to my mum.



No.7 | *There's polar bears in the Alps but not in London!*

Ode to the new species released into the Alpine wild

Miss Slay Queen

Miss Slay Queen is her name
And she loves to play a game
She is very fast
So she speeds through the past
She is very long
And equally, strong
She has a big beak
So don't mistake her as being weak
She loves money
And gets more by being funny
She loves to fly
While eating pie
She is the ultimate queen
But is only a 10 year old pre teen
She is nice and soft
But never put her in a loft
She is a lovely, misty white
Don't be in black or she will show you her might

She has big, mighty legs
But she uses them only to stamp on pegs
She tries to speak but sings
She even does it when the telephone rings
She can teleport
Mostly because her kind is always sought



Teleport

Once upon a time there was a boy called Max who lived in the Alps with his mum. One day at night, Max went to the woods and went exploring. He saw a ghost and ran somewhere safe - he went into this small gloomy house. But then a little girl called Miss Slay Queen arrived and she had superpowers like teleporting, flying and she loved helping people when they need her. Miss Slay Queen told the boy that she could help him get home safe. The next day the boy went out with his mum to a 5 star lunch. They ate food and talked. Then they went back home, but the boy couldn't stop thinking about Miss Slay Queen. Then, the next night he went back to the same small gloomy house and Miss Slay Queen opened the door. He asked if he could come in and talk about what he had been thinking about.

OH OTAX

Otax Oh Otax, where have you been?
I've been exploring,
There is so much to be seen.
With the power to summon water,
How rare you are,
I still search for you near and far.

ODE TO OTAX

This guy does not wear a hat.
I know that for a fact!
He likes to throw water!
I hope he doesn't make an odor...
Knows he throws water at creatures
Then drinks it like a semi-contrivesive robot.
This guy definitely does not like a hat
I hope he doesn't eat a bat...
The end!

ODE TO BOBO

Bobo loves to twirl,
She doesn't like to swim,
Her mum says to curl,
But she doesn't like the gym.

She sleeps in her bed,
While her mom cooks,
She loves her brother Ted,
And she likes to read books.

Every day she shops,
She hates carrots,
When she attacks the snow chops,
But in The Alps she won't see parrots.

In The Alps she might get cold,
She might not have a home,
She never gets told,
But she will never have a gnome,

THE END

Outstanding myths *and legends*



Ghost Cow

There was a man with lots of cows with lots of big bells. The man took the cows to the cave but half of them died in an avalanche. And then on a rainy night, people would hear their bells.

In the Alps. About the cows

There was a cave man who always lived in a cave, but one day he left his cave to go somewhere else. When he came back an avalanche had fallen on the cave. But he found a way to get back in. So he got home. It was a stormy night and the cave man heard moo'ing coming from the cave so he went to go check what it was...

It was a man killing the cows. And that night he could not stop crying from what he had done to the cows. So then, he got cows of his own.

The Ghost Cow's Gold

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Lucy. She was 13, and she lived next to the Alps. She lived there with her mum. Her dad died when she was three. Lucy had heard of a myth that on the top of a mountain there was gold. But there were ghostly cows there, and her biggest fear was ghosts. So like any new teenager, she set off. It took five days. She got a pet wolf named Snowy because she was white like snow.

Getting back to Lucy... she arrived. There were seven cows. But when it was day, they all disappeared. She tracked the gold and ran.

What will happen next?

The Midnight Horror

Every night at midnight a horrendous sound breaks out of giggling children.

In the past...One day in the Alps where beautiful riverbanks flower gracefully, smelling precious, there were four children who loved to play. But obviously there was an adventurous child and his name was Bill. He would complain that they didn't have enough time to have adventures. One day at midnight he snuck out! He felt his fingers numbing but he kept going.

Suddenly he found a tight cave covered in glaciers and he thought he could rest there, so he did. But as he started to settle in, an avalanche tumbled down, and the rocks of the avalanche made such a loud sound.

That same night his brother would not sleep. He was going to ask his brothers and sisters to read him a bed time story when he heard a scream! He jumped on top of his brother and sister to wake them up. He said "I heard a scream." "Its probably your imagination." said his brother. "It's not, I swear!" "Fine, we'll go to check and prove there is nothing there!"

Carrying on from the story, they went to go and check, but Bill (the ghost) tripped them up and threw rocks at them until it happened - They became ghosts!

The Mystery of King Yunus's Death!!!

One day a conqueror wanted to destroy a city ruled by a wise king, but the city was in between two mountains - Hamza & Martha. The city was haunted because people in that city had special earrings that made eerie noises, so you knew when the people were around.

But one day the city went to war with another city and the city got bombed so when Arthur the Conqueror came to completely destroy

the city, he only went to war at night to surprise attack. He went for the building but he always heard the noises from the earrings the people had, so he thought it was haunted but when the villagers came out, not a sound was heard.

Some theories believe that people died and others thought it was haunted. People say the mountains were named after demigods that have power. One day Arthur the Conqueror decided to move to a village near the mountains. But at midnight, all the fireplaces went out in Zurich. Across the whole city, and the earrings were heard.

Gems

One day, a long, long time ago, thieves stole a whole bag of gold and hid it in an Alpine cave. When the thieves came back for it, an avalanche blocked the cave. Ever since then, the gold has never been found.

Years later, an adventurer - who was most afraid of pigs - thought he could find the gold so he ventured to the Alps and entered the cave. As he searched every possible spot, he found a waterfall, and all the old folks said that if you put your hand in the waterfall you get a gem. Unfortunately, he looked at his hand after and there was no gem. Still looking for gold he stumbled upon a King sized PIG (with a bell on, to top it off) so he ran out of the cave, running like The Flash.

"Wait a minute" he said "If I can run this fast then this power is a gem and I can run past the pig, who is possibly guarding the gold, and donate it to charity with money to spare."

So he ran as fast as he could according to science's law and roasted the pig by just touching him. He got the gold through traps that hypothetically broke Newton's Law, meaning there is no way to explain how and why he got past them. He got the gold but when he jumped over the lava, it dropped, causing him to have to get it, but making him burn.



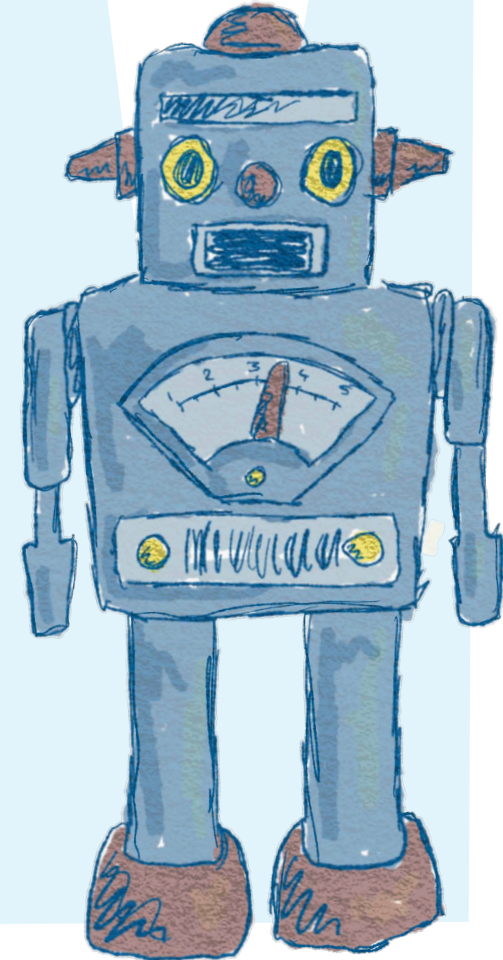
Archive of lost objects

- * A number of toy puppets.
One that tells the future
- * A scientific globe
- * A jewel that creates anything
- * A 100,000 year old necklace
- * An 800,000 year old coffee cup with coffee still in it
- * A billion ice pumbers
- * A robot
- * A bear fur hat and another hat which helps you fly
- * A protective crown



- * A gold pen of invisibility
- * A broken antique that cures sickness
- * A warming star
- * A really old board game
- * A fire shooting football
- * An expanding box with wish granting powers
- * Two coins. One is past-telling.
One grants you your heart's desire
- * A luck giving cow figurine
- * A mystical wish granting cat
- * A magical piece of unsatisfying KFC chicken
- * A potion that grants you anything
- * A paper bat that delivers messages from a million years ago
- * A magical i-pad and phone with extra information

A record of some of the strange and mysterious objects (and their powers) we discovered buried in the Alps



The Ghostly Creator

One stormy night, there was a farmer called Dan and he and his cows were making their way home on the other side of the mountain. It was a stormy night and the air was thin in the snowy mountains. Suddenly a blinding lightning bolt hit and he felt the world shake beneath his feet. He looked behind him and didn't see his cows, but a Creator Witch with red glowing eyes standing in place of them. Now, every cold, stormy night Dan can hear the moans and groans of the ghostly Creator.

The Last Night Knight

Once upon a time there was a night knight - he only came out in the night. His castle, his horse, him and his butlers. It was all on a colossal mountain. The mountain was so fresh and pure, but on that same fresh and pure mountain there was an abandoned forest that if you enter, you will have bad luck for everrrr!! And it only works on humans.

One day the knight was playing chess with his butler. Suddenly he heard his horse "neigh" and he ran down his castle and saw his horse run into the abandoned forest. Even though he knew its curse only works on humans, he went to see the emerald princess to see where in the petrifying abandoned forest his horse was. The emerald princess looked in her emerald and the knight saw where he was, and the princess said, "I will make a spell on you so you won't get cursed." When the knight set off, he looked exactly where the princess showed him. He found the horse. But only the horse came back and no one knows what happened to the princess ever since.

Dun Dun Dunnnnnn!!!!

No.8 | *Where the mountain meets the snow*

No.9 | *One experience, one lifetime change*

The Lost Emerald Princess

Once upon a time in a land called The Lost Emerald City, there lived the lost emerald princess who could control the city with her powerful magic emerald. One day the knight came and the princess said "I will put a spell around you so that you won't be cursed any more", "Thank you" said the knight " but can you help me find my horse?" he then asked.

"Yes" replied the princess

"But I just don't know how"

But suddenly something terrible happened

DUN DUN DUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gold To DIE FOR

There was a man that would die for gold. He was a fierce warrior, he swam across the Atlantic Ocean to go to the Alps. He finally made it. Stories told there would be a gold mine, but it appeared to be a castle. When he arrived on the misty island, he got goosebumps with every step. When he stepped on the island, goosebumps went up his spine. He was exhausted, he walked in and he couldn't believe what he saw...

A Rumbling Hunt?

Once on a stormy gloomy snowy day in the Alps there was a girl and her dad. Suddenly, <<a thud>> ! And in a blink of an eye she was gone and was nowhere to be seen anywhere. She got lost in the snow - it was very thick. Then she realised she was in a cave with a hungry wolf but you don't know that she's actually immortal, and she's fine. A mysterious beam came out of the sky and reunited her with her Dad. But the wolf came and ate the Dad, and until this day we don't know why.

Cyberon 2000

Cyberone 2000 can fly without any wings. He also has a sunflower face with cool glasses. On the Cyberone 2000, he has four arms with football boots on. Also he has a really long neck with black beady eyes. He is in the Alps with football boots on and his stomach is a football. He has a big smile! His favourite thing to do is to ski in the Alps, and he loves to play in the snow. He has furry fur so he keeps warm. He also has rockets but you can't see them. When he flies he spins around. He has really long fingers, his hands are bigger than Labrone James and Michael Jordan put together. So his hands are really big. He really likes playing football and he used to play for Juventus but he moved to Limitless but he might go back because he misses it.

THE END.

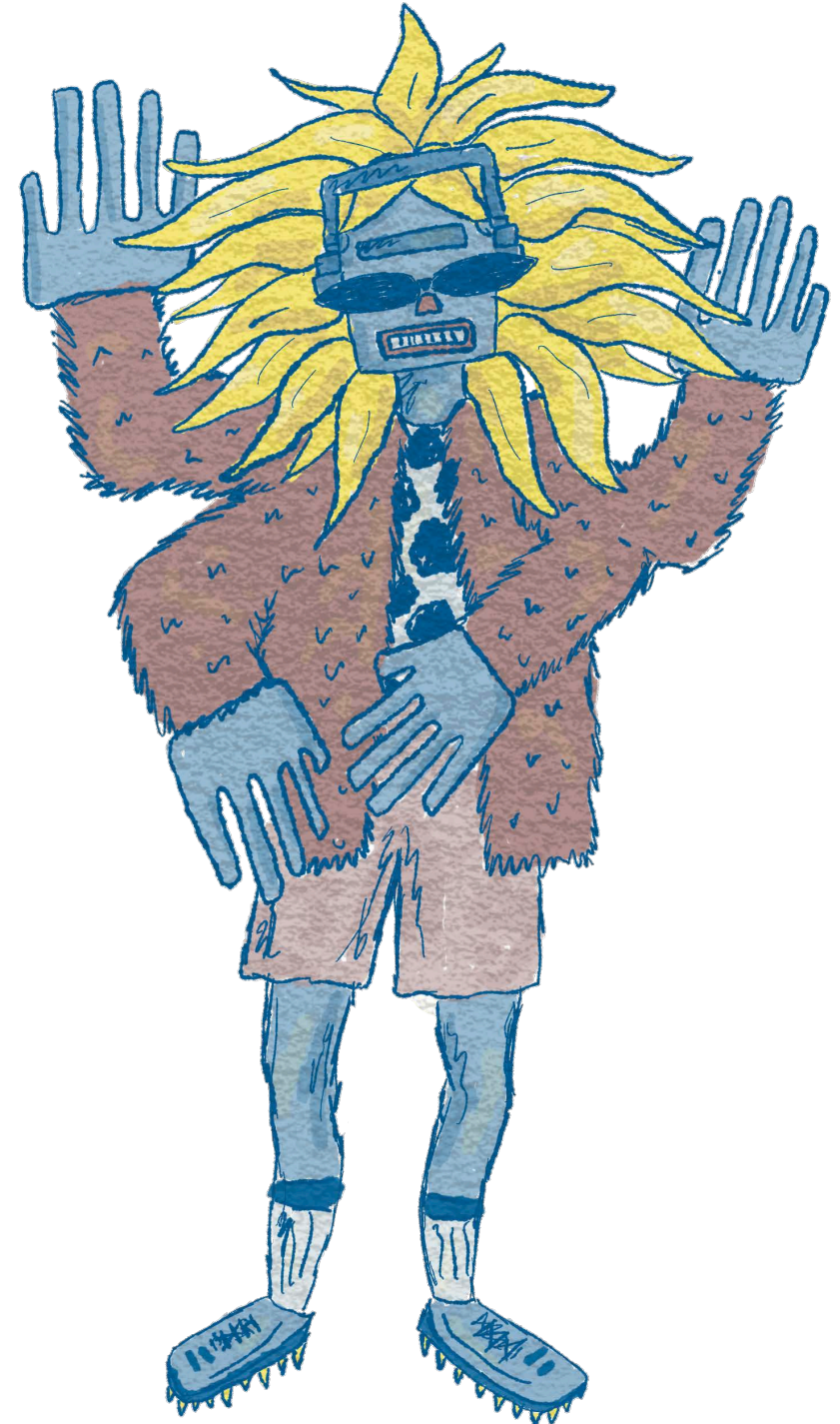
The Cyan Crystal

Millions of years ago, it was a fearful night. Everyone was wide awake. Literally, no one could sleep. Thunder roared as lightning struck all night. When it was sunrise, a cyan crystal appeared out of nowhere. It was on the hill close to the village. No one saw it, except for a boy called Chris.

The Mysterious Olympic Wolf

There once was a girl in the windswept Alps who was going to compete for gymnastics at the Olympics. When she made her way up to the vault she tripped on the wolf pelted mat and disappeared! Soon after, a wolf appeared. Rumor had it that the wolf was the girl. The wolf howled at the full moon. She made her way to the beam, but she had a problem. Now she had four legs, so she fell off the beam. She got a silver medal and vanished from society.

Many had questions. To this day people occasionally look for Jenny but to no avail.



Runaway Doctor

In a small town in the Alps, there once was a girl named Pearl. She was part of the royal family but what Pearl desired most was to be a doctor. But instead she needed to do her castle roles. So around midday she jumps on her horse and runs away. She goes around helping and healing people but still makes sure her hood covers her face because she thinks this is better than to sit in a pink frilly dress. If you were to ask her who she was, she would always head in the direction of the sun. But one sunny Saturday, The King (her father) held a party for the unknown hero. The king brought her to the stage and asked for her name. Would she say it? NO, she ran to the direction of the sun and vanished forever, but some say when you are near the castle you hear her horse's feet clicking and clacking. Apparently she got hit by a big snowy avalanche, but nobody knew she was in the frosty avalanche so unfortunately she died with nobody knowing.

Pokémon in the Alps

Bobuso is green like the grass and leaves
Pikachu is yellow like the snowy sun
Charmander is orange like the Alpine houses
Squirtle is blue like icy sky.

No.10 | Visit the snowy Alps. The best visit you'll be in!

No.11 | No avalanches since 1000BC

Perilous adventures and acts of courage

Cat Man

Cat Man eats little mice and loves gold. Cat Man found a tunnel made of gold. He tried to steal some gold but there was never any gold in his piggy bank. So he got a job and his job was a bus driver but all he got was £1.50, and all he could buy was a water bottle to be hydrated. Then he found another shop with fake gold, but he thought it was real. Then some pesky teenagers laughed at Cat Man and he went home with the SADDEST FACE EVER. But a very old man helped Cat Man to feel better, but the teenagers' laughter was stuck in his head.

Tommy and the Doom

One morning in the Alps, Tommy was so bored in his village so he decided to go explore, and go hunting. He put on warm clothing. When he got to exploring, he found an icy crossbow on the floor of a cave. It was so powerful that when you shoot the crossbow, gold comes out, fresh and clean through the blizzards.



The Great, Huge Old Temple

On a cold sunny day, there was a brave explorer exploring a huge cave under The Alps. He heard that there was shiny gold and precious diamonds in there and he was finding it. He saw waterfall streams, endless lush caves and a huge temple covered in moss. When he walked to the huge temple, there was a password to enter. On his first try, he failed. But on his second try he got it correct! The door opened and he went in.

The door closed shut behind him, and he was trapped!

There was no password on the inside so his only choice was to explore. As he was walking, he accidentally stepped on a trap that let out creepy black bats that were coming for him. He screamed really loud because bats were his biggest fear. He ran as fast as he could, but then fell into a hole and was never seen again...

Simone Biles found the gold

One snowy day Simone Biles was doing gymnastics and found herself in the Alpine cave. Her goal was to get the gold but her fear was getting stuck in an avalanche. She didn't want to just be a gymnast, she also wanted to be the first person that found the lost gold. After hours of looking for gold, she found it, but suddenly a big avalanche blocked her way out. After thinking of what to do, she just couldn't think of anything. She was scared and started to call out for help.

Jump around...in the Alps

Once upon a time, it was the night before a big day for Madison The Cow. She had a gymnastics competition in the wildflower cave that is a gymnastics centre. She wanted to go because the place was made out of nature and Madison The Cow loved nature (in case you never knew). So she went to bed early that night. When she woke up, she bathed, then dressed up quickly and did her morning routine. She went on to practice her gymnastic routine. When she was practising, Madison was visualising winning the gold medal in the competition. When the clock hit 12, Madison rushed out of the house and made her way to the wildflower cave.

As she got there, she saw her opposition Charlotte, the World's Best Gymnast in the whole of the Alps. She'd won so many gold medals, they were hanging off her neck. Madison started to doubt herself, but her friends, as always, cheered her on. When they got to their first activity, Madison lost. But Charlotte won! As they got to their last activity, Madison took a deep break and DONE IT! BOOM!! She landed perfectly. She was so proud. Everyone was clapping except for Charlotte. When it was her turn, CRASH!!! She banged her head on a rubbish landing. Everyone started laughing. Except for Madison. She felt so bad and went to ask if she was okay, but she was ignored. When the judges announced who the winner was, it was Madison. She'd won the GOLD MEDAL! She was so happy. But not Charlotte, she looked depressed.

When Madison was heading her way home, Charlotte whispered 'It's Game On!!! She would get her revenge...

No.12 | *The Alps - the view you've been waiting for*

No.13 | *Winter wonderland it's freezing!*

The Revenge of Sam

Once upon a time, there was a guy named Sam who lived in a hut near the flowing river in The Alps but then...something happened. His son and daughter went out to feed and look after the cows and bulls without permission, but then as they were feeding the cows and bulls, one cow and bull didn't get fed. So the next day something was going to happen.

The next time the son and daughter went to feed the cows and bulls, the same cow and bull didn't get fed, so the cow and bull made a plan to kill them both (the daughter and the son). All of them gathered up and charged at them. They were killed almost instantly.

The dad wanted revenge for his children. So the dad made a plan to kill them all. And a few hours later he went to them and attacked all of them, but one bull noticed and that one bull killed the dad. But the dad wasn't really dead, so he got his knife and killed the bull.

But everyday he could hear his children's voices saying
"Save Me!"
"HELP!".



No.14 | Do you want astonishing adventures?

Do you want extra snow? The Alps is your place!

Strange Explorer

One sunny day there was a young lady called Crystal and she decided she wanted to cross the border, but she knew it would be hard. Ever since Jane Johnson got lost no one had wanted to go there, but Crystal was different. How? Let me explain. I remember one time she jumped into a sea full of jellyfishes roaming around. So yeah you can say she's a bit crazy. Well back to the story...She packed her bags [I cant believe she is actually doing this. I know she's very adventurous but this is too much]. She skipped outside feeling oddly excited even though the most famous explorer never came back after going. She skipped along the riverbank, jogged across the grass, and finally made it. But all the trouble is not over yet. She saw polar bears and I'm sorry but she never came back home.

I don't think it's all over yet, maybe just maybe there's still hope for her.

No.15 | *The amazing Alps! Good holidays, anytime!*

No.16 | *Come see the snowfall - let's go ski!*

The Fox, The Sister and The Human

Once, there was a Fox. His name was Mr. Fox. And this Fox had a desire, a dream! That dream was to find his older sister, Foxie. Foxie was like a mother to Mr. Fox ever since their mother got lost in the mountains looking for food. Other fellow Foxes said that he was too young and he should stay nestled in the snow, but Mr. Fox kicked those words out of his brain.

There is one thing Mr. Fox absolutely hates... humans. It doesn't matter who you are, he HATES you. You may be wondering – “Why does this Fox hate humans?” – because a human took away his sister. Mr. Fox was devastated and had to learn how to hunt by himself. Poor thing. It wouldn't stop him though.

Once, while he was all alone, hidden in the snow, a human came up to him, keeping their distance. “I know where your sister is,” said the human. The Fox's ears perked up. This time the fox didn't scratch the human. “Come with me and I'll lead you to her.” Mr. Fox was quite surprised someone knew where his sister was. Mr. Fox didn't know if he trusted the human.

Will Mr. Fox fall into a trap or the truth?

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Windswept *and* suspenseful notes to ourselves and others

No.17 | *When you wake up from a snoozy sleep,
you will wake up to a beautiful view from your window*

No.18 | *What if the tickets run out to this snowy paradise?*

No.19 | *Passoio de Inverno*

Dear Lucas

Today I went to the Alps and I saw creatures like cows and scary things too. I saw golden eagles and rocky mountains and a meadow. And on the rocky mountains I saw mountain goats! They looked cute and a bit cold. The floor was slippery too. I even saw 5 or 13 wolves. They were terrifying and had sharp teeth! And I saw Apollo butterflies that loved flowers!

"I get it, she's younger!"

I didn't think much of it, but soon it was more than just the little things.

I didn't want to do it, but I had to take all her diamonds and gold so I would be rich and I would get all the credit. I searched and searched until I found the box of diamonds and gold under her bed, in her room that felt like a serac in the middle of the Alps.

Months after that incident, we moved, forgetting about the box of treasure and making the new owners very lucky.

Will the new owners find it or will it remain there forever?!

Today I will cross the border to see my friend Crew Crew because I miss him. He is in Italy and I am waiting for him to come to the border in a mountain with air so fresh and pure. With every breath, I feel frost all around me. From every side, I can hear the voice echo in the wind. When I reach out to touch the ice it feels very cold. The snowfall seeps quietly through my clothes, making them feel uncomfortable. I squint my eyes, shielding the sun's fiery glare so I can see the land nature of the land.

Dear Diary,

Today I went to the Alps, and skied till I couldn't. Then I saw a bird, then it didn't run like the other birds, it crept up on me and gave me an unusual look and stared into my soul. It went on my head and I felt something wet, gooey and cold. Then I checked what it was. It was white and had black spots. WH - WHAAT I-IT was BIRD POO!!!!

Dear Diary,

I am really upset I was trying to cross the border to Grammy but a pack of wolves and a golden eagle were chasing me! Eventually I ran away but there was so much snow I could hardly manage it. Anyway, I found a campsite and a cave (YaY) so I took some supplies from the campsite - like a flashlight (and batteries for the flashlight) and a water bottle.

In the cave it is so quiet and dark and gloomy. You can hear a pin drop. The quietness and darkness was starting to creep me out. Suddenly I heard a loud growl in the distance. My heart skipped a beat.

Good bye diary. This may be my last day on the earth. Bye :

<<roar>>

A Letter to my family

To

My family

I'm having a great time in the Alps, I'm currently in Switzerland and I want to go to Germany for a Precious Pink, Shiny Gem. It will be risky, there could be traps!

But it's worth loads of money £50,500.

And I'll see y'all back home.

From

Moe

Eye! LOL!

Dear Sally,

When you read this, I am long dead. I need your help! I also need to explain, even if it may come as a shock to you. Firstly, I am your father and I am sorry. I should never have left you. I DIDN'T have a choice. After war came, I tried to keep you and your mother safe. But it was no use. Your mum died. I knew I should have protected you, but I had the urge for revenge as they had taken the person I most loved. I went on a mission to The Alps to bring back what was rightly ours. But I was mistaken. There were cliff ranges and canyons, valleys and plateaus. I had nearly caught up with my enemy when a terrible snow storm started. Lush streams and valleys froze and even the biggest Alpine lake couldn't help turning to solid ice. I was lucky to have found a cave to shelter in, but from the inside of it, all I could see were barren landscapes with the corpses of animals who had suffered the most icy and lethal death with no food and water.

I know my life ends soon. I leave to you my notes. Keep them with you as they will help you. The fate of revenge is in your hands.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Nicholas Maches (your father).

Dear Diary,

I don't think I will be able to write in here again, but I just wanted to say I have been here for days, but the nature - it's beautiful here.

I didn't know if I should go into this cave. It looks dangerous but this is my only hope so I have no choice so I'm just going to go! What will happen, we don't know!

About the dangerous diamond cave - there is glass and broken tree branches, logs on the floor which make it way dangerous. Everywhere in the cave is diamond and shining.

What will happen here we don't know.

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Dear Cookie.

If you're reading this, then I am near the border. But some polar bears are starting to creep up on me, which is making me panic and worried. I am not sure if I am going to make it. I hope you and auntie will do everything in your power to find me. Please try your very best to come. It is freezing in the snow. But I don't think it's too late to go back, unless a storm hits me. I think this is my very last goodbye, but no matter what happens, you would always be my favourite cousin.

From Mimi 

A LETTER FROM A MOM TO HER KITTENS IN THE ALPS

Oh Dear Kittens

I hope that no one has tried to kidnap you...
So you remember what happened to me with my owner.
He bought a new bed and said I can't go on it now.
Only if he says yes. But it's okay.

How are you doing?

Don't go right next to the mountain goats.
I miss you so much, and got you some food.
If someone does try to kidnap you, remember you have
your nose and your claws.

Mom

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Dear Luna

I miss you so much, skiing here in Italy doesn't feel the same as it does when you're here. How about we meet up at the border of Switzerland so we can talk?

At school we got a new teacher, her name is Miss Perritano. She's really nice but she's a clumsy head and she vanished yesterday. Your parents come over every night. It's fun but not how it used to be. I hope you have met nice girls (you probably have). I hope you have made friends there (you're probably doing better than me).

I miss you ever so much.

Love Lindsay
PS See you soon



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Dear Diary,

I am scared and do not know what to do because I have lost my parents. I have a huge phobia of the dark and hate waterfalls. I am in the German Alps and had a thought that they got eaten or left me to go to Switzerland. But I got hungry, so I ate some bugs and grass. Now I think I should go for a walk. This might be the last time I write in you diary. Bye bye.

See you next time,

Bye diary I will miss you

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