

Year 4 Summer Term- Rivers

Project overview: We will be spending the next term studying Rivers in the UK and around the world.

As Times Table Rockstars we will:

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 . The children should be able to recall them at speed. To help with this, children will be taking part in practise three times a week. For home learning, Times Table Rockstars is a brilliant way for children to engage with their times tables as part of a fun game. Find your child's login in their maths homework books.

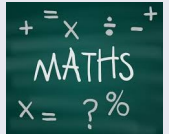
As writers we will:

We will be focusing on 'The Indian in the Cupboard' written by Lynne Reid Banks, which is a story about a young boy whose toy comes to life. We will be re-writing chapters from the book in the same style of the author. After this we will be looking at a range of poems written by Michael Rosen.



As mathematicians we will cover:

This term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, measurement (time and money) and statistics. We will also be spending time recapping and applying our previously covered objective.

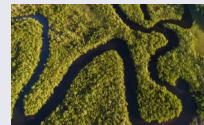


As historians we will:

We will be looking at how people have used rivers over time.

As geographers we will:

We will be studying rivers. We will be focusing on learning about the stages/ features of rivers and how they are used around the world.



As scientists we will:

We will be focusing on 'Electricity' and 'Living things and their habitats'.

While looking at Electricity, we will be looking at appliances that run on electricity and will be creating our own circuits with bulbs, switches and buzzers.

While looking at living things and their habitats, we will be classifying living things and looking closely at their habitats.

As artists/ designers we will:

We will be using water colours to paint river pictures in the style of Monet.



We will also be looking at different bridges and the children will design and create their own. After creating the bridges we will be using our knowledge of electricity to light them up.

As linguists we will:

We will be focusing on time, animal names and descriptions.

Author of the Term

The author of the term in Year 4 is Dick King Smith. The children will be reading books such as 'The sheep pig' and 'The Hodgeheg'.

Why not explore his other books- your child can bring them in to enjoy with the whole class. Please label them clearly with your child's name. Thank you.



As musicians we will:

Music is taught on a Wednesday morning by Mr. Hall. In addition to this, children can attend choir on a Wednesday lunchtime. All Key Stage 2 children are welcome to this club! There are also opportunities for children to learn the piano during an extra curricular club on a Tuesday.

In RE / PSHE we will:

In RE we will continue to focus on different religions and thinking about why Jesus is so important to Christians. In PSHE we will be focusing on growing and changing and economic awareness.

In computing we will:

We will be focusing on producing writing for a range of audiences.

Homework Including Optional Homework Project Ideas

Homework Type	Given out	Handed in
Fortnightly spellings	Every other Friday	Following Thursday
Maths Book	Friday	Following Thursday
Times Table Rockstars	Set online on Friday	Completed online by Thursday
Reading	Continuous (3 times per week at least)	
Fortnightly Handwriting/ Sentence task	Every other Friday (in line with spellings)	Following Thursday

Although the topic homework has been replaced, I would still love to receive creative pieces of homework to share with the class! This could include (but is not limited to):

- Researching a river around the world and creating a poster with all the information you find.
- Creating a habitat for an animal of your choice.
- Writing your own short story about a toy coming to life.
- Creating a maths board game that helps you to practice skills we have covered in class.

Useful website

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - Useful for maths games

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - Lots of information, videos and games linked to all areas of the curriculum

“Developing the Individual”

PE

This term, Year 4 children will have outdoor PE on Wednesday, taught by Dan and swimming on a Friday. On Wednesday please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school including suitable footwear. On Fridays children will need their swimming kit, including a hat and goggles if permission is given.

Educational Visits

This term, we have a trip planned to Coombes Valley to support our learning on rivers and habitats. You will receive further information about this trip later this term.

Please Note: These trips are subject to change depending on price and availability.

Other Useful Information

In year 4 the expectation is that children read at least three times per week. You must sign and date your child's diary and ensure it is in school each day. In year 4 books will be changed as they are brought in throughout the week. Please remind your child to put their book in the box or they will not be changed. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday morning. In addition to this expectation, we are continuing the 'Reading Rocket' initiative for children. Children are encouraged to read at least five times over the week **In order to develop good reading habits we are asking that children read little and often throughout the week rather than on a number of occasions during the same day.** The children must read on five separate days to be considered for the reading rocket prize. Those who achieve the reading rocket will receive a letter home, a small prize and be entered into a prize draw for a larger prize. Read Theory can go towards the five times a week up to a maximum of two times. This is an online programme that aims to improve comprehension. Find your child's login in the back of their reading diary.