



Calke Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back, Calke families!
We are getting ready for a busy, fun filled last term.
We are going to be exploring our new topic as well as many exciting special days such as:

Sports day

Reading Picnic

Transition days

Keep an eye out for EFL for some lovely photos.

If you have any questions, please contact me

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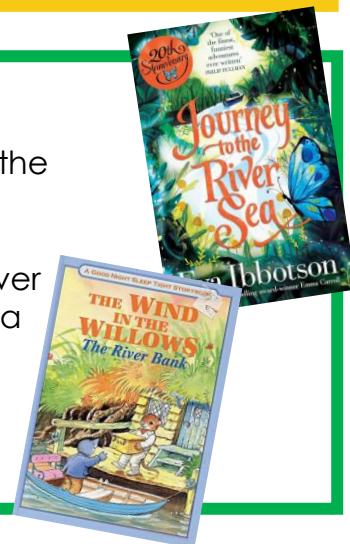


Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, we are going to be talking about "Rivers and Canals". This will be learning about different forms of water and the animals that live in or near the water. We will also be looking at how rivers flow and the different boats used in rivers and canals! The story we will focus on this time is "Wind in the Willows - The River Bank" by Kenneth Grahame and the "Journey to the sea" by Eva Ibbotson.

Please see the link below of a

[The Wind in the Willows | Full Movie](#)



Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

Our Library days are **Mondays** please send books in each week so students can choose a new one to bring home.

This half term our hydro day is **Thursday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition and Maths

We are learning out keeping our water ways clean and tidy.

Why not collect some of your items like bottles, crisps packets and have fun fishing them out of the water.

If its appropriate, have a talk about if it belongs in recycling or the bin?



PSED



In PSHE, our focus is on prejudice and discrimination. We are learning to be kind to everyone and how we can spread our acts of kindness.

You could talk about being kind at home and do a random act of kindness for someone in the family. It may be making a card or saying something nice.

Communication

For Communication, have some quiet time together and do a story massage.

Are there any moves that you like more than another. Can your child ask for more of a particular move?

What do you think of the song?

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Communication

Physical Development

We are exploring a lot of movement around water. We are using fine motor to make marks with water paints and scooping up things like boats and frogs and kicking our feet like fish making big splashes.

Please find below a video for a physical session about frogs.

[Little Green Frog 🐸 | Brain Breaks & Remembering Songs for Kids | Cosmic Kids](#)

Literacy

In class, we are reading about river and canal journeys. Are there any favorite stories about water or water animals that you like to read?



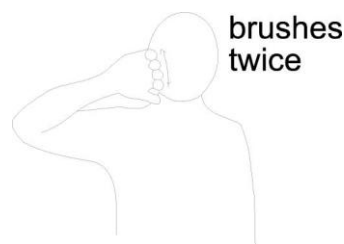
Can your children help to turn the page? Can they point to an animal or word in the story?

Below is a link for a story

[THE RIVER: An Epic Journey to the Sea by Hanako Clulo | Kids Story Read Aloud](#)

Makaton Signs

We are going to learn lots of signs this half term about growing up. If you would like a full list please let us know.



Water