

Phase 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

We hope all of our families have had a wonderful and restful summer break and enjoyed some special time together. We are delighted to welcome everyone back and are excited for a fun-filled and successful Autumn Term! There is lots to look forward to as we begin our new learning journey together. Our Geography topic this term is Rivers, where we will explore how rivers are formed, their different features, and the important role they play in our world. We are looking forward to discovering, investigating and learning together throughout the term. Here's to a fantastic start to the new school year!

Rivers - Geography

This term in Geography, we will be learning all about Rivers. We will explore how rivers are formed and follow their journey from source to mouth. We will learn about the features of rivers, the water cycle, erosion and deposition, and investigate some of the world's most famous rivers. We will also consider why rivers are important to people and wildlife.

Home learning

There are lots of fun ways to continue learning about Rivers at home. Children could choose one or more of these activities to develop their knowledge and share their learning with the class.

- Research: Create a fact file about a famous river.
- Make a model: Show a river's journey from source to mouth.
- Vocabulary: Make a glossary of key river words.
- Explore locally: Visit a nearby river or stream and identify its features.
- Get creative: Create a river-inspired painting or collage.

Key Vocab

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| • River | • Erosion |
| • Source | • Deposition |
| • Mouth | • Waterfall |
| • Tributary | • Estuary |
| • Meander | • Floodplain |

English

In English this term, we will use *Hotel Flamingo* by Alex Milway as a stimulus for our writing. We will develop our grammar skills by exploring expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, adverbs, paragraphs, direct speech and punctuation. Children will have opportunities to write a range of genres, including character descriptions, diary entries, newspaper reports, persuasive writing and imaginative narratives, developing vocabulary, creativity and confidence along the way.



Maths

In Maths this term, we will follow the White Rose Maths curriculum, developing our understanding of place value and number. Children will explore numbers to 1,000 in Year 3 and 10,000 in Year 4, including partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers. We will also develop our addition and subtraction skills, using mental and written methods, while solving problems and explaining our mathematical thinking.



Science

In Science this term, we will explore the three states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. Children will investigate the properties of each state and learn how materials can change state through heating and cooling. Through practical experiments and investigations, we will make observations, record our findings and develop our scientific vocabulary. We will also explore the importance of temperature when materials change state.



Computing

In Science this term, we will explore States of Matter and discover how materials can exist as solids, liquids and gases. Children will investigate the properties of each state and learn how materials can change state through heating and cooling. We will carry out practical experiments, make observations and record our findings, developing our scientific vocabulary and enquiry skills along the way.



RE

In RE this term, we will explore Judaism through the story of Abraham and its importance to the Jewish faith. Children will learn about Abraham's relationship with God, his faith and trust, and the covenant they shared. We will consider how Abraham is regarded as an important ancestor of the Jewish people and explore how his story continues to influence Jewish beliefs, traditions and identity.



PE

In PE this term, we will develop our basketball skills through fun, active and competitive activities. Children will practise dribbling, passing, catching and shooting, while learning how to move effectively around the court. We will also develop teamwork, communication and decision-making skills, applying these techniques in small-sided games and challenges. Children will learn the importance of fair play, cooperation and sporting behaviour.



Music

In Music this term children will develop their singing, listening and performing skills while exploring rhythm, melody and different musical styles.



Spanish

In Spanish, children will develop vocabulary, pronunciation and conversational skills through greetings, numbers, colours and everyday phrases.

