

Year 3/4 Summer 1: Rivers



Topic Overview: This half term will be a Geography focus where we will be learning about rivers in the UK and around the world.

Science:

Our Science topic is 'Solids, Liquids and Gases'. The children will be exploring how water changes state through a number of exciting investigations. Finally, we will finish the topic by exploring the water cycle.

Geography:

Our Geography topic is 'Rivers.' The children will be using map skills to locate and name rivers in the UK, Europe and around the wider world. The children will be identifying the features of a river and comparing and contrasting a local river with a river from another continent.

Computing:

The children will be using their digital media skills to create a mini weather report.

French:

During our French lessons, the children will be introduced to the months of the year, numbers 13 to 31 and Happy Birthday.

Art and Design:

The artist we are focusing on this term is Claude Monet. The children will be exploring his famous work and they will create their own watercolour painting in his style.

PE:

During their PE lessons, the children will be developing their hand and eye co-ordination during their net/wall lessons. They will also be competing in a number of athletics events consisting of running, throwing and jumping.

English:

The class story we will be reading this term is 'The boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Rauf. During our Bug Club session, we are reading 'Myths of the Sea' (Sean and the Sea-Maiden) by Malachy Doyle. This will be followed by: 'Myths of the Sea' (Odysseus and the Monster) by Nikki Tate. Finally, we are reading 'Myths of the Sea' (Real sea monsters) Holly Bennett.

We will be writing a persuasive letter about water pollution and the impact it is having, and a free verse poem, from the river's perspective, about its journey from source to the mouth.

In addition to this, we will have various spelling, punctuation and grammar foci linked to our writing genres.

We will continue with our spelling lessons and weekly spelling tests and handwriting linked to these.

Jigsaw:

The topic for this half term is 'Relationships'. During the term, we will be having class discussions and looking at strategies to deal with changing relationships.

RE:

Our RE topic this term is all about the Hindu religion. Our key enquiry question that the children will be focusing on is, 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?' The children will explore the Hindu beliefs and their God in different forms and they will start to think about how they are special within themselves.

Maths:

Year 3:

Year 3 will be covering fractions and time. They will start by finding fractions of objects and looking at equivalent fractions. They will also be comparing and ordering fractions before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. In time, they will recap o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. They will tell the time to 5 minutes and a minute and look at the 24 - hour clock.

Year 4:

Year 4 will be covering decimals, money and time. They will write, compare and order decimals, then move on to rounding them. In money, they will look at pence and pounds, ordering, estimating and converting money. They will add and subtract money including giving change. In time, they will tell the time to 5 minutes and a minute. They will look at the analogue and 24 - hour clock and convert between the two.

How you can help?

As always, your continued support with your child's learning is greatly appreciated. Please hear your child read regularly and sign their reading record. Support children in learning weekly spellings and times tables. Don't forget to log on to Bug Club for extra reading and grammar activities.

Homework:

We will continue to send out a half termly homework menu, from which the children can select the activities they would like to complete. Please enjoy spending time completing this homework with your child in their homework book.