

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1 2023: Miss Cooper



#### Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you have had a restful break and that your children are ready to start the summer term. Our new topic for this half term is 'Where do rivers start?', where we will be learning about rivers in England.

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#### **Religious Education – Come and See:**

Please see the separate newsletter, which is also available on the school website, to see which topics we will be covering this term.

#### **PSHE:**

Our learning will focus on the question 'What makes up our identity?'

#### **English:**



### Novel as a theme The Mousehole Cat

After reading and exploring The Mousehole Cat by Antonia Barber, the children will write their own adventure story based on a storm.

#### **Information booklets**

Linking to our work in Geography on rivers, the children will collect information about the Lake District and use this to create an information booklet.

#### Poem with a structure

Through shared reading, the children will explore and enjoy a variety of poems before writing their own.

#### **Ongoing English:**

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation will be taught within the English lessons. Guided reading, spellings and handwriting will also continue.

#### **Mathematics:**

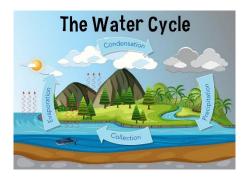
This half term our key learning will focus on the following:

- decimals
- money and time

#### **Science – States of Matter:**

During this topic, the children will:

- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature



#### **Geography- Rivers:**

The children will learn about rivers and the water cycle. They will learn that rivers have sources, channels, tributaries and mouths, that they receive water from a wide area and that most flow eventually into a lake or the sea. They will learn that human activity affects and is influenced by rivers.

#### **History- Ancient Egypt:**

During this topic, the children will:

- Place key events from the ancient Egyptian period on a timeline.
- Find out how society in ancient Egypt was organised.
- Find out about ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses.
- Find out about the pyramids of ancient Egypt.
- Investigate the inventions and achievements of the ancient Egyptians.



The River Nile from space

#### Art:

The children will create observational drawings of dramatic water images using a full range of drawing materials, including different grades of pencils and charcoal. They will look at a range of artists for inspiration such as Constable, Hokusai and Monet.

#### PE:

PE will be taught by Chorley School Sport Partnership on a Tuesday afternoon. Please could you make sure your child arrives at school on Wednesdays wearing their PE kit.

#### French:

Year 4 will have French lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. They will be developing a basic vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cooper, Year 4 Teacher

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