

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 5 | Summer Term 2 | 2023



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support this half term! This half term, we have really enjoyed learning about Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th and 21st Century and Life Cycles. Here is an outline of the curriculum coverage for the second half of Summer Term. Have a good and rested half term break!

This half term, our topics are Marvellous Mixtures and Rolling on the River. We will be focussing our learning around the key question: 'How does a river's journey shape the world around it?'

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

A school trip to the River in Cassiobury Park. The education hub will run a day of activities.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

- A trip to the River in Cassiobury Park.

Our 'Showstopper' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Chatterpix of a river – using their knowledge of the topic to explain features of a river through an animated app which allows your voice to become the mouth of the river.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be posted on Seesaw.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts: Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Key skills:

- Setting descriptions
- Biography of the author
- Narrative poems
- Range of description including: personification, metaphors, similes and alliteration.
- Understanding colons, semi colons and commas
- Chronological order

Maths:

Key topics:

- Angles
- Properties of shapes
- Position and direction
- Converting units

Science: Materials

In science we will be learning about the properties of materials, including insulators, hardness and solubility. We will also be learning about how mixtures can be separated by filtering, sieving, evaporating or magnets.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

You could read:

Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame

Song of the Dolphin Boy - Elizabeth Laird

River Boy - Tom Bowler

The 'Where on Earth?' Book of: Rivers - Susie Brooks

You could virtually visit:

Natural History Museum - look at Water Cycle, rivers and mountains.

Go online and check out:

BBC Bitesize—Rivers

<https://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/rivers.html>

Computing: Creating a podcast

Geography: Rolling on the River – how a rivers journey shapes the world around it

RE: (KQ and religion(s))
Children will be looking at the religion of Christianity. We be holding an RE day where children will investigate “Could the Lord’s prayer be universal?”

DT: We will be making utility belts using textiles

PE: Athletics and rounders

Music: taught by the music teacher

PSHE: We will be beginning the topic ‘Changing me’.

Spanish: taught by the Spanish teacher.

Reminders:

Sports Day – Wednesday 11th July
(subject to weather)

