

# Hold Back The River!

## Welcome back!

Now the Easter bunny has hopped away, it's hard to believe that summer's already here! Loads to look forward to as we head towards the May Fayre, long sunny days and an exciting topic based on the rivers of the world and map skills. The geography focus will see us comparing major world rivers, examining the water cycle and how rivers are formed, naming the parts of rivers and how to locate them in the world with increasingly complex grid references. The topic culminates in a study of our own beautiful river Avon as we go for a field trip...hooray!

**Key dates:** Term begins 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Ends 24<sup>th</sup> May

Swimming Gala trials: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 8.40 am

PSHEE evening – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 5 pm.

May Fayre – May 6th

Field trip – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

## What are we learning?

**Maths:** We will be: solidifying calculation methods in multiplication and adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions, problem solving and real-life contexts for place value, interpreting tables, charts and graphs, properties of shapes and angles in shapes.

**English:** Our focus will be on: examining how authors create atmosphere and build character images, our own descriptions of rivers and water, information booklets and short stories.

**Geography:** During topic we will look at the parts of rivers, comparing rivers of the world, the water cycle, local river study.

**Art:** We will be taking a closer look at perspective and vanishing points, including a local study.

**PSHEE:** As part of this unit, we are examining strategies for dealing with things that embarrass us, changes in our bodies and how to cope with change.

**Science:** Life cycles of living creatures, tracing the changes of animals as they mature, flow diagrams and close observational drawings to demonstrate understanding of how animals change over time, reproduction and parts of flowers.

## General information:

**P.E:** As we get to the summer term and the days become hotter please ensure that your child regularly takes home PE kit to be refreshed and that suitable provision is made for hot days (hats and sun cream).

**Home learning:** As ever, there will be one piece of homework, usually relating to topic, to be completed alongside the usual focus on spelling booklets and TT Rock Stars every week regardless of whether we are battling another class! Please can you encourage your child to bring spelling booklets into school, ready for testing.

**P.S.** The much-appreciated funds from cake day sales are ear-marked for an experiential visit in term 6. Watch this space!