

Rivers and Journeys

Welcome back!

Now the Easter bunny has hopped away, it's hard to believe that summer's already here! There is lots to look forward to in Year 5 as we head towards long sunny days and an exciting topic based on journeys, map skills and the rivers of the world. 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.

Key dates

Term begins: 19th April

May bank holiday: 3rd May

May Term ends: 28th May

What are we learning about?

In **maths** we will be focussing on fractions including; multiplying whole numbers and fractions, finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and linking fractions, decimals and percentages.

In **English** and **guided reading** we will be studying the text Kensuke's Kingdom and will be focussing on descriptive and persuasive writing. If you haven't previously read the book, please refrain from doing so as we will be reading it as a class.

In **science** we will be considering the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

In our **PSHEE** sessions, we will be thinking about relationships with ourselves and in the online community.

In **computing** we will be looking at data collection and the impact of data in the real world.

In **RE** we will be exploring Hinduism and thinking about the key question: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?

In **PE** we are very excited to be learning the skills involved ultimate frisbee with Miss B and Mr P, whilst Mr Kiely will be helping us with our athletics skills.

General information

During Term 5, our PPA day will be on a **Tuesday**. The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on both **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure the children are bringing a water bottle to school everyday, especially as the weather continues to get warmer. We will also be making use of the outside space as much as possible so please ensure your child is coming to school with both sun cream and an extra jumper/coat in their bags.

Spellings will be set every **Tuesday** ready to be tested the following **Tuesday**. The weekly spellings list will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every Tuesday morning. The children will also need to complete **at least 25 minutes of times table practise** every week. This will be set on TT Rock Stars every Tuesday and will be checked the following Tuesday. If your child is using another method to complete their practise, please let your child's teacher know via email. It is imperative that the children have a quick recall of their times table facts as this knowledge is applied in all maths lessons.