

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, considering how rivers are formed, naming the parts of rivers and learning how to locate them in the world with increasingly complex grid references.

Curriculum

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 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 will be learning the skills involved in ultimate frisbee.

General information

During Term 5 the children will need to continue to wear their PE kits to school on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child is bringing a water bottle to school everyday, especially as the weather gets 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 and times tables will continue to be set each Tuesday ready to be checked and tested the following Tuesday. It is imperative that the children have a quick recall of their times table facts as this knowledge is applied in all maths lessons.

Dates for the diary

25th April – Term 5 begins

29th April – Class photographs

2nd May- Early May Bank Holiday and May Fayre

27th May –Term 5 ends