

English: We are Readers and Authors

This half term, we will be doing a piece of narrative writing based on the picture book 'The Flood'. We will look to further develop the children's using of literary devices and create imaginative and descriptive pieces of work. Following that, we will start a non-fiction unit based on the water cycle, using the book 'Once Upon A Raindrop'.

Weekly spellings: Spelling lists will be issued on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. The spellings will link to the spelling patterns being taught in class. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings using Spelling Shed and to learn the words from the statutory word lists.

Reading: For our class text we will be reading a range of different books on the theme of water.

RE: We are Philosophers

Judaism: What are important times for Jewish people and how do they celebrate these occasions?

Indoor Games: Badminton

Indoor PE: Dance

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day

3SF – **Indoor: Wednesday**

Outdoor: Monday

3/4SP – Indoor: Tuesday

Outdoor: Friday

4SM – **Indoor:** Thursday

Outdoor: Wednesday

Where does our water come from?

2nd January: INSET Day
3rd January: Children return to school
24th January: Year 3 trip to Bough Beech
25th January: Year 4 trip to Bough Beech
6th and 8th February: Parents Evening
12th-16th February: Half Term

Why do we live here?

For this enquiry, the children will be looking at topographical features of the UK, states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and how they change by heating and cooling. Children will develop an understanding of the water cycle, use key words such as evaporation and condensation and describe the impact that mountains and rivers have on this cycle. By the end of the enquiry, learners will be able to explain the key aspects of the water cycle and use eight points of a compass. For the challenge they will be an artist and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding visually.

Home Engagement:

You could visit a local river and visit the Stepping Stones by Box Hill. How has the river formed?

As linguists the children will learn how to say where they live and what they live in.

This half term Years 3 and 4 will be continuing to work on multiplication and division then moving on to length and perimeter. Year 4 will also learn about finding area. Across the phase, we will continue to develop further the children's language as mathematicians and encourage children to use this language in their explanations. Children will also tackle mathematical problem solving and reasoning challenges, where they will need to show a positive mindset and resilience.

How you can help at home? Help your child apply their maths in practical situations. Let them help you measure the garden, budget for the weekly shopping or read the bus timetable. Help your child regularly practice their number bond knowledge, times tables using timestable rockstars and associated division facts.

This half term, Years 3 and 4 will be thinking about friendships and rules through the story 'Penguin Pig'. This will include critically considering online friendships.

The children will explore the links between events and actions. Learners will begin by moving a sprite in four directions, explore movement, using design and choose an appropriately sized sprite.

Please see next page for a reminder regarding the non-negotiable homework and optional homework ideas.

Ask your child:

What have you been today?

How have you been a mathematician or an author today?

What have you enjoyed being today and what did you learn?



Year 3 and 4 Learning at Home: Spring 1 – Where does our water come from?

Weekly Non-Negotiables

Read five times a week with an adult. Ask an adult to sign your reading record every time you read.

Learn your spellings at least three times a week on Spelling Shed. You will be given new spellings on a Monday, which will be tested on Friday.

Learn your times tables and associated facts at least three times a week on Times Table Rock Stars.

Recommended Reads:

The Rhythm of the Rain by
Grahame Baker-Smith
River Story by Meredith Hooper
A River by Marc Martin
The Wind in the Willows by
Kenneth Grahame
The River Singers by Tom
Moorhouse

Optional Homework

Visit a local river (River Mole), possibly the Stepping Stones by Box Hill. Take pictures and write about what you see.

Optional Homework

Choose two countries in different continents. Find out about the climate in these countries (e.g. average temperature and rainfall) and compare them.

Optional Homework

Write a poem about water. Perhaps you could describe a lovely lake, river or waterfall that you have seen.

Optional Homework

Make a poster for your home sharing tips about how not to waste water.

Optional Homework

Reflect on the many ways that water is vital for all living things. Perhaps you would like to write a prayer thanking God for the precious gift of water.

If you would like to share any optional homework in school, please ensure it is in school by Monday 5th February 2024.