

Year 4

Terms 5 & 6

Rivers - Source to Sea

English

Our writing focus for the final two terms will be writing to inform and to entertain. Children will produce an engaging recount, a biography of a significant person and end the year by writing their own fictional story. The grammar focus will be to develop sentence composition by using coordination and subordination, understanding the importance of cohesion and how to show this as a writer.

We continue to place a big focus on encouraging the children to become active readers and progress in their comprehension skills, particularly deducing and making inferences, by reading a variety of different texts.

RE

In term 5 through Discovery RE, we will learn about rites of passage and good works and ask further questions about the 8-fold path.

Through Understanding Christianity in term 6, we are looking at the concept of the Kingdom of God, asking questions such as: when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? We look forward to a second visit from the Bridge project to support our understanding.

PE

Jody Rivers and his team will continue to develop running, throwing and catching skills both in small groups and increasingly in game activities in term 5. We will also have a term of dance, and then enjoy the summer weather with athletics, rounders and some cricket.



Maths

At the start of term 5, we will be completing our exploration of the relationship between fractions and decimals.

In term 6, children will develop their skills of time, statistics and geometry.

Throughout the terms, children will be regularly practising their multiplication tables and we encourage as much practice of these as possible at home. As we develop all of these core skills, the children will be challenged with a variety of mathematical problems in order to develop their reasoning skills.

Science

Through our topic, we will investigate the importance of the water cycle and link this to the chemistry based topic of states of matter.

In term 6, our topics will be habitats and food chains before finishing the year with teeth and digestion. We will be welcoming a dentist into school to share knowledge of effective dental hygiene with the class.

Art/DT

Woodpeckers will try out some marbling techniques and explore Impressionism using water-colours and linked to the River Seine. In DT, we will design and make boats out of recyclable materials.

Foundation Subjects

Geography: completing our investigation 'where the most valuable thing in the world is and who owns it?'

French: 'going to the shops'

Computing: we are lucky to have a specialised IT teacher from Trafalgar School supporting us in term 5.

Music: listening and appraising, performing and composing
PSHE: healthy bodies healthy minds

Topic

Our final topic for the year (Rivers – Source to Sea) will have a main geography focus but will also provide many cross-curricular opportunities from art through to science.

We will ask geographical questions, use a range of geographical vocabulary and use resources such as maps, atlases and online resources.