



## Year 4 Learning

### Summer

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter time with your family and friends. We had a fantastic term learning about the Anglo Saxon's and Maya Civilizations and putting on our production of Wizard of Oz.

This term our Topic focus is on rivers and our Science lessons are based on States of Matter. We are also looking forward to the last term of year 4 and all the events taking place, including Dalesdown! This will give further details of all the subject areas that the children will be learning.

### Summer Term Topic – Explore

In our Explore lessons this summer, we will be focusing on rivers

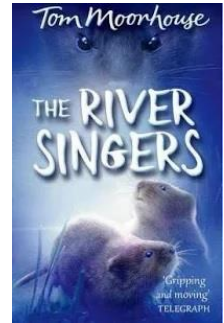
We will be:

- Understanding the process of the water cycle
- Identifying different water biomes and how these are classified
- Learning about the features of a river and define what they are
- Locating rivers (including local, national and international)
- Learning about physical changes to rivers, e.g. erosion and deposition and what effects it can have on local areas
- Investigating human changes e.g. deforestation and building on floodplains
- Learning about how pollution can affect ecosystems



## English Learning

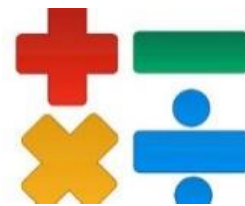
This term we are starting a new and exciting text 'The River Singers' by Tom Moorhouse. We will be:



- Taking part in a debate
- Writing a speech
- Planning and writing a Newspaper article
- Letter writing
- Continuing our learning of grammar and punctuation

## Mathematical Learning

This half term we are looking at:



- Mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting improper fractions and mixed numbers with the same denominator
- Starting work on lines of symmetry
- Exploring 2D shapes
- Plotting coordinates on a grid

## Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at the Kingdom of God and thinking about our big question 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?'

## French Learning

This term we are continuing our learning about Chez moi (My house). The children will be focusing on different rooms in a house and being able to write and speak about this in full sentences.

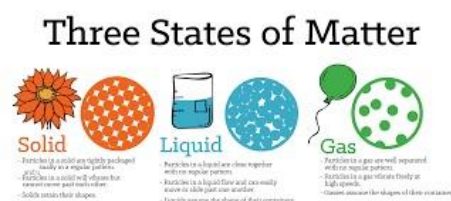
We will then move on to learn about clothing and using knowledge of colours to describe what a person is wearing.



## Scientific Learning

We are currently learning about states of matter. We will learn:

- To understand about solids, liquids and gases
- About changes of state
- About measuring changes of temperature
- To explore our learning through investigation, predicting and experiments



Our next topic will be sound. We will learn:

- How sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- That vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- About the pitch of a sound and what type of object produces it
- About the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produce it
- Why sounds get fainter depending on distance



## Music Learning

We will be starting to learn the glockenspiel with Mr Chalk from West Sussex Music Service.

## Computing Learning



We will be beginning to create our own websites. This will include exploring **Google sites, planning and creating a webpage** on a particular interest.

## PE Learning

In PE this half term for indoor PE completing the next unit of Gymnastics with Miss Norcross, learning our Mayday dance. In outdoor PE we will be learning the skills of striking and fielding.

## PSHE Learning

We will be learning about citizenship and focusing on human rights, communities and inclusion.

## How can you help?

- Continuing to read regularly at home to an adult, with lots of discussion about the books.
- Lots of regular times table testing and quick maths skills following the instructions indicated on the home learning sheets. The faster the response, the better!
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing the meanings of words, putting them into sentences and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- All of this will be on the weekly home learning sheets.



## Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – May Day celebrations - Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in maypole dancing.
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Class photos
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Maths Timetable Checks
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June Dalesdown residential
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Legacy Games at The Angmering School (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Transition Day
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Music Performances Mole Class 1.30pm and Fox Class 2.15pm
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term

**Please check the weekly newsletter for additional dates you need to be**

If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of our focuses, please let us know.

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