

Spoken Language:

Present their information and research findings within a group, and to friends.

Writing:

Create a leaflet to inform and persuade people to visit a local river. Children will then apply these features to create a leaflet encouraging people to visit Portsmouth.

Engage:

We will receive a message in a bottle from the River 'Mer-people', who need our help! Their belongings have washed away in the river and we need to find out about the water cycle and features of rivers to help them to find them again.



Maths:

Solve word and number problems involving multiplication and division, including those involving more than one step.

Computing:

Exploring use of 'Google Maps' and 'Google Earth' to look at rivers around the world and features of rivers

PE:

Focus on co-ordination and ball skills through real PE.

Art:

Explore painting using watercolour paints. Children will experiment with different materials and skills and then create their own water pattern artwork using watercolours.



Our topic is

Flow

**This half term
Year 3 will be
learning to:**

Geography:

Use maps and compass points to build their knowledge of the UK. Researching and using field work skills to observe features of rivers, using vocabulary such as source, tributary, estuary, mouth, meander. This will include a visit to a local river, and activities to develop understanding of the water cycle.

Science

Identify and describe the functions of different parts of plants. They will be exploring how water is transported through plants and using real flowers to identify parts of flowering plants and the roles of the parts in the life cycle of flowering plants.

Innovate:

Create a collaborative poster presentation to celebrate what we have learnt about rivers and the water cycle and share with other classes.

Express:

We will be celebrating this topic by creating our own class presentation on rivers and the water cycle, including our research findings, information and art work.

Philosophy 4 Children:

Explore the concept of morality and right/wrong through classroom discussions and enquiries.

Music:

Collaborate music with physical activity whilst getting outside and completing some games. Physical activities and singing rolled into one.

Home learning activities!

PE:

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday
Please make sure your child has a complete PE kit in school. Children will be completing outdoor PE, so longer layers would be a benefit in colder weather.

Creative Zone

Children could:

- Research and create a model showing different features of a river (river bank, river bed, source, mouth, estuary, tributary).
- Use paint, pens, pencils or crayons to create a piece of river or waterfall artwork.
- Create a poster to describe the stages of the water cycle.

Reading:

Please encourage your child to change their reading book so that they can fill up their passport and achieve more success with their reading, we still have some children who have not changed their book at all.

Your child will be sent home weekly missions to practise at home with you. The aim is to be able to read and spell these words in a sentence independently.

Writing:

- Create an information leaflet about a famous river in the world.
- Write a poem about their senses around a river- what can they see/ hear/ feel?
- Create a leaflet to persuade people to visit a place which is special to them.

Maths:

Challenge your child to solve number problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

The children are also keen to progress in their times tables on the 'Times Tables Rockstars' website, which they can use at home. Your child should have their login details, but if you need a copy, please speak to their teacher.

Dates:

Marvellous Me:

We are using the Marvellous Me app to keep you informed of your child's special achievements at school. If you have any problems with logging in please speak to your child's class teacher.

Weekly practise:

Please continue to practise quick recall multiplication facts for 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables.

We will continue to send home page numbers from the children's homework books on a Monday morning. This is a chance for your child to consolidate their learning with your support.

We will also be continuing with our exciting homework club which takes place on a Wednesday after school from 3.20-4.00.