



Rivers & Coasts

Our first exciting topic of the year is Rivers and Coasts! In this topic, the children will begin by learning about some of the main rivers in the UK, 6-figure grid references, key features of a river system and what causes rivers to change over time. We will then focus on coasts when the children will learn about the different types and how some of the coasts in the UK are changing. For our **Super Start**, we will make model rivers. We will explore how rivers change over time for our **Marvellous Middle** – and create artwork depicting this – before finishing the topic with our **Fabulous Finish**, a trip to the river!

An overview of our learning this half term:

As Writers and Readers...	Retelling stories and describing settings linked to rivers and coastlines; explaining the journey of a river through explanation texts and poetry
As Mathematicians...	Improving understanding of the place value of numbers up to one million; mental and written addition and subtraction; multiplication and division including multiples, factors, primes and square numbers
As Scientists...	Investigating forces such as gravity, air resistance and water resistance
As Geographers...	Learning about some of the main rivers in the UK, six-figure grid references, key features of a river system and what causes rivers to change over time; knowing the different types of coast and how some of the coasts in the UK are changing
As Artists...	Studying African masks before designing and making masks
As Computer Scientists...	Understanding how to stay safe online
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Enhancing dance skills and developing tag football skills (Tuesdays / Wednesdays / Fridays)
As Linguists...	French - phonics and the alphabet – revision, sounds of the language
As Musicians...	Learning how to play African drums
RE	Learning how worship is performed in different religions
PHSRE	Developing an understanding of what to do in emergencies and how to perform basic first aid / Understanding water safety
Manners Curriculum	We will begin the half term focusing on our two important school rules – ‘work hard’ and ‘be kind’

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th September – Year 5 ‘Meet the Teacher’ presentation (14:40-15:10) – please see letter

w/c Monday 16th September – Clubs begin

Friday 27th September – Whole Primary House Non-Uniform Day – letter to follow

Wednesday 2nd October – Primary individual photos

Wednesday 16th October – Year 5 Rivers Trip – letter to follow

w/c Monday 21st October – No clubs this week

Friday 18th October - Homework projects due in

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October – Parents’ Evenings – letter to follow

Friday 25th October - Last day of term

How you can help at home

Reading	Times Tables	Spellings	Homework Project
Aim to read four times or more each week. It’s important your child reads to you but you reading to them can be really beneficial too! Record this in your child’s reading diary.	Please continue to support your child to strengthen their recall. Log in to TT Rock Stars to practise Times Table Rock Stars	Spellings will be sent home every Monday and tested on Friday. An overview of half term spellings will be emailed out to you in due course.	This half-term’s homework project is due in on Friday 18 th October