



Year 4 Newsletter LENT 1

GEOGRAPHY – RIVERS

This half term year 4 will be learning about rivers. The different features such as meanders and oxbow lakes. We will study the different courses a river takes on its journey and describe the natural distribution of natural resources such as water. We will walk into town to complete a case study based on the River Freshney. We will look at the impact rivers have on landscapes and how they are used for leisure and within settlements. We will conclude this module by learning about ways in which rivers are used for transportation and industry.

MATHS – Multiplication and Division

Multiplication and division continue to be a key focus in Maths. Children will practise all their times-tables in preparation for their times-tables tests next term.

Factors, factor pairs, related facts and written methods will play a key role in helping the children learn their times tables.

English – Writing

Our writing focus will be to create a diary entry. We will base this writing on our class reader text 'Charlotte's Web'. The children will write in first person narrative. We will focus on features such as tense, chronological order and first-person pronouns.

English – Reading

Reading discussion lessons will be based on the text 'The Girl Who Stole An Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. Reading skills lessons will include a range of skill-based tasks and VIPER style questions.

Science – Biology – Living Things, Including Humans

In Year 4, we will recap food chains and expand on our current knowledge to learn about Apex Producers, Ecosystems and Interdependence. We will then look at the role of teeth and the importance of oral hygiene before moving on to examine the digestive system.

Things to remember

PE will take place every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

All children are required to read for at least 10 minutes every evening. Reads must be recorded in their reading diary and signed by an adult.

KEY DIARY DATES

6.1.26 Back to school

09.1.26 Swimming lessons resume

& 9,16,23,30 January, 6,11 (Wed), 27 February & 6 and 13 March

23.01.2026 – Geography case study walk to River Freshney.

13.2.26 – Break up for half term

Religious Education – Galilee to Jerusalem

Year 4 will begin to access the new Religious Education Directory (RED) curriculum which will replace 'Come and See'.

In branch 3 Year 4 explore Jesus as Messiah through scripture, sacraments, prayer and service, learning how God's Kingdom includes everyone and inspires Christians to show compassion, faith, hope and love today.

Art – Painting (Abstract Art – Lee Panizza)

The children will learn all about the Australian abstract artist Lee Panizza, who is inspired by nature. Techniques will be examined and becoming proficient in the skills will be a focus.

Spellings will be given to children every Monday. A copy will be glued into their homework book (to be completed as part of their homelearning). All homework books must be returned by Friday each week. A spelling test will take place every Friday, please encourage your child to practise their spellings.

All children have a TTRock stars log in (a sticker will be placed on the cover of their reading record). Please ensure this is accessed regularly. Year 4 is an important year as the National Times Tables Test will be conducted later in the year. Any access issues please see the Y4 team.