

Year 4 Newsletter Term 5 Summer 1

Riveting Rivers



English

In our English lessons, we will start the term by reading and writing our own poems about rivers. Our core reading text will be *Farther* by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will also be working on book reviews, character descriptions, diary entries and a narrative. We will be continuing to work on developing literacy devices in our writing such as embedded clause and extending our sentences. We will continue to develop our cursive handwriting and work on common spelling patterns.

To link in with our Art focus the class will be researching and writing an information report about Vincent Van Gogh.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about length, perimeter and area of shapes, including squares. This will be followed by statistics, including bar charts and time graphs. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, focusing on the relationship between tenths, decimals and fractions. Also, we will continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills in context. We will continue to practice recalling all the times tables up to 12 x 12.

Geography & Science

In Geography, we will locate countries using maps by identifying and understanding different symbols and features. This will include considering human and physical characteristics such as environmental regions and major cities. We will look at key topographical features such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers. We will find out about the equator, the hemispheres, the tropics, longitude and latitude and time zones.

In Science, we will be learning about the classification of living things and using classification keys to help us. Also we will revisit the Water Cycle. We will develop our questioning and observation skills by conducting experiments in which we must record and evaluate.

Topic

We will create a vibrant collage about one of the world rivers using a range of materials to present the landscape. In Art, we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and develop our drawing skills by recreating his Sunflowers painting. In computing, we will be designing and creating an animation, using 'I Can Animate', to show a water droplets journey through the Water Cycle. In safety we will be focusing on using technology safely and respectfully. In R.E, we will be learning about Buddhism.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for Cricket and Athletics.

Both classes will have a PE session every Tuesday and Thursday.

Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a jumper). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

Children are expected to read every day at home for 20 minutes or more. They should regularly return their levelled reading book and reading record – both child and parent/carer should be writing comments in the reading record.

Dates for the diary:

- Bank holiday Monday May 6th 2019

Please look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!

www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk.

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.
Colette La Touche, Jen Hardy (Maroon Class) and Aysha Howell (Ruby Class).

In Term 1, our visitor delivered an Anglo-Saxon day which really helped the children to learn about Anglo Saxons life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.

In Term 2, our visitor was the Fresh Water Theatre who delivered a Lets Locate workshop to inspire our children's learning about the geography of the UK.

In Term 3, our Egyptian day included a visit from the author of our topic book Ma'at's Feather, as well as an immersive experience 'Now Press Play'.

For Term 4, our learning experiences included a paper making workshop, a junk orchestra experience and a CLC micro bit workshop.

In Term 5, our learning experience will be 'Now Press Play' linked to our topic Riveting Rivers.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place.

Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run