English

We will be reading the story *The River by Marc Martin* to create a descriptive poem. The poem will include descriptive features such as personification, metaphor and alliteration.

Other texts include writing in a journalistic style Interview with a Shark, narrative story writing using the stunning picture book. The Flood and Flotsam, a story about a bright, scientific minded boy who discovers something very special on a beach.









Science

In science we will be studying how we hear sounds and how sound travels. We will be learning about insulating sounds and how to create loud and soft sounds, relating these to our knowledge of music.



We will also be learning about light and the light sources in our schools and homes. We will be learning words such as opaque, translucent and transparent. We will discuss how shadows are formed.



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Shared Reading

Our skills of inference, prediction, vocabulary clarification, summarising and explaining will all be used to enhance the classes love for reading.

Topic Rivers

Children will learn about the names and vocabulary associated with our topic Rivers. Learning the source and the mouth to the river Test as well as other famous rivers. How water travels and how it effects our environments. We will also be visiting a local river and working with Wessex River Trust to learn about the rivers environment and how precious it is to our lives.

Maths:

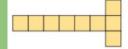
Place Value: Learning to write, compare and order numbers to 1000 and above.



Addition & Subtraction: Using mental calculation skills as well as formal methods.



Measure and Area: Year 4 will learn to make shapes and compare areas.



Multiplication and Division: Using concrete resources we will be making groups and arrays to share whilst reinforcing our knowledge of times tables.



Environmental Studies

Later in the term we will be studying the Water crisis and how this relates to our golden threads of the movement of man and climate change.

Art

We are learning how to weave using different fabrics and will be making our own Mexican Gods Eye.



Design Technology:

Using a spar frame children will learn how to create a photograph frame as a gift for Christmas. Sawing and joining skills will be



learnt and this will also be an excellent time to revisit the skill of measure.

Home Work

We would like children to read 4 times a week with an adult.

Each week children will be given a times table to learn.

Weekly spelling will be stuck into their parent books for a test on Fridays.

A homework sheet on English, Maths or Topic will be loaded onto google classroom.

Home Learning Project: This term we are studying rivers. We will be asking children to research a chosen river. Making a poster about that river and the habitat it provides, possibly the source or a visit (if local) with pictures to the mouth of the river. Children will then be asked to talk about their poster and their findings. Talks will be held at the beginning of November giving children and parents time over Half term if needed.

More information to follow and we will supply sugar paper to be used as the poster 'canvas'.

Sports, Health and Wellbeing:

We will be learning to work together and how to form positive relationships with our class mates. We will be learning about feelings and how to cope with those.

We will also be learning about childrens rights which will also link to our environmental study the right to clean water. Children will hear about expenses and know how especially in this climate people need to accommodate their spending.









18.9.23 Meet the teacher

SHALLO TO THE EXPLORATION

2.10.23 River Visit

Dates for the Diary

29.11.23 Celebration

Trips/Events:

The Wessex River Trust will be working with our class learning about the river Test. We have a visit from the trust on the 12th September and a plan to visit the Middleton Estate with a river guide on October 2nd with activities planned on rivers for the afternoon that dav.

Computing:

Online Safety & Email





Music

Kingfisher Class will benefit from music lessons with Mrs McDonald learning the recorder.



Religious Education: Courage

We will be learning old testament stories related to courage such as Daniel in the Lions Den before then looking at what is meant by the 'trinity' in Christianity.



Indoor Gymnastics (patterns and collaboration) Outdoor sports, ball skills and invasion games. PE days are Wednesday and Thursday