

A River's Journey

Welcome back to the new school year! As you can see, this term's topic is all about Raging Rivers!

We are lucky enough to have been asked to take part in a local project about the River Alde/Ore with Avocet media – more details to follow later in the term.

Please take time to read this letter to find out all about our learning this term!

As ever, if you have any queries, please feel free to get in touch with me after school any day.

Miss Cannon 😊

In **Literacy** this term, we will be planning and writing **Science Fiction** stories (based in/around Rivers) as well as **Explanation Texts**. Your child will also learn basic grammar once a week; practice handwriting and read with an adult at least once a week. Year 2 and some Year 3/4 children will have a daily phonics lesson.

Our **Topic** this term will have a strong **geography** focus. We will be studying our local **Rive Alde/Ore**, before learning more about it's wider geographical location: the **UK**, countries within **Europe**, specifically their major **cities** and **bodies and water**.

In **RE** for the first half term, we will be learning about the **Christian** idea of **reconciliation** as well as preparing for **Harvest**. After half term we will resume our learning about **Islam** and their ideas around **how and why they pray**.

In **Art** we will be developing our **drawing** and **painting** skills, looking at the art work of **Van Gogh**. Our **D&T** project this term looks at **complex structures** – we will be making our own kites!

In **Maths** this term, we will be learning about **place value; addition** and **subtraction**.

Year 2 will focus on numbers to 20 and 100; Year 3 numbers beyond 100 and Year 4 numbers up to and beyond 1000. We will also be focusing on **number bonds** and **times tables** as part of persistent teaching

Science this term will be taught in conjunction with cooking and gardening. First, we will focus on what **green plants** need in order to thrive. Later in the term, we will be learning about the **human skeleton** and how **nutrition** helps us grow and maintain

Important Notices:

- ◆ Cooking will be on **TUESDAY** mornings. In class 2, your child will cook for the whole morning once every 3 weeks.
- ◆ Gardening happens every week that your child is not cooking. Forest Schools will begin next **Monday** afternoon until half term. A separate letter will come home from Mrs Marriott with more information.
- ◆ Children **MUST** have PE kits on **Wednesday** and **Friday**, with appropriate clothes for indoor and outdoor sessions. **Earrings cannot be worn**, so if your child cannot take them out independently, please remove them at home before the lesson.
- ◆ Homework will be set on Fridays and is due on Wednesdays. **Your child is expected to read with an adult at home at least 4x per week.**

In **Computing**, we will be learning how to **program** beebots and probots and debug simple instructions.

PE will be taught twice a week.

Outdoor PE will focus on football this term and **indoor PE** will be

In **Music**, we will start the term developing our singing and performance skills. Later, we will be learning to play basic notes and melodies the **glockenspiel**.

Mrs Wells will be teaching **French** this term, learning all about Fairy Tales.

