

**TERMS 3 & 4 - 2025-2026**

**Teacher: Mrs Meikle Teaching Assistant: Mrs Tsang**



**Topic for the Term: Misty Mountain, Winding River**

In this project, the children will learn about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including an exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

They will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, map symbols and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map, as well as how contour lines are used to show the topography of an area.

**Theme Days**

We will have the opportunity to apply our knowledge of rivers to the Medway. Children will go on a walk to explore the history, uses and wildlife of our own local river.



**Science**

In Term 3, we will be identifying changes in states of matter, using the correct terminology, and relate these key processes to the water cycle. We will explain the effect of heating and cooling on a range of substances, including water. In Term 4, we will study grouping and classifying living things. We will look for features so we can categorise animals into groups such as vertebrates, invertebrates, mammals, amphibians, reptile, etc.



**Class Text**

We will be reading, 'The River Singers' by Tom Moorhouse. Children are invited to bring in their own copy if they wish to do so.

**Homework**

- Please read with your child at least 5 times a week.
- Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be the Year 4 common exception words and Year 4 spelling rules.
- Practise times-tables up to 12x12. Children are expected to know their times-tables by the end of Year 4.
- We will conduct a weekly spelling and times-tables test which will take place on Friday of each week unless specified otherwise.
- Complete the **ASPIRE** homework sheet. This is one piece of homework per week as laid out on your child's homework timetable. The homework will also include one activity from the Junior Duke Awards book to complete.

**Uniform / PE Kit**

In Term 3, our P.E. lessons will take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Our Wednesday lesson will take place outdoors and our Friday lesson will take place in the school hall. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days.

**Library Slot**

In Term 3, our library slot will take place on **Friday** afternoons. Please remember that children can borrow a library book for two weeks at a time.