



Willow Class' Term 5 Newsletter How do rivers shape the land?



Dear Willow Class families,

Welcome back to Term 5 – we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This term, we have a geography-focused topic and will spend the next 6 weeks learning about rivers; how they change over time; the different parts to a river and how they finally reach the sea. We will be reading 'River' by Alisha Cooper and 'A River' by Marc Martin to help us and we will do some non-fiction and poetry writing based on this.

In maths, we will be focusing on time and money. Time is a particularly tricky concept to master and needs regular and repeated practice every day. Please practice this as much as possible at home.

Homework

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated by an adult. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.</p> <p>The children are doing really well on Lexia so thank you for all your support with this at home please keep this up, we have seen huge progress from those doing more time on Lexia and their reading and comprehension skills.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths homework continues to be set every week and the pages are stuck into their homework book so they know what to do each week.</p>
Times Tables	<p>Each child has a Times Table Rock stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week. Year 4's will have their times table assessment next term so we will be working hard this term to get them ready.</p>

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Can you name a part of a river?
- Can you tell what the time is now? (Ask at different points of the day!)
- Can you name the seasons in French?
- What happened at pentecost?

Key Topic Vocabulary

THE WATER CYCLE

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Our PE day is Wednesday please make sure the children are dressed in their PE kits when they come into school.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Boswell



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Learning Map



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Information writing</p>		<p>Poetry</p>	<p>Narrative</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Money</p> 	<p>Time</p> 	<p>Shape</p> 	<p>Statistics</p> 
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Why is our local river significant?</p> 			
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Relationships</p> 			
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Animation</p> 	<p>Effective Search</p> 		
<p>French</p> 	<p>Les saisons (the seasons)</p> 			
<p>RE</p> 	<p>For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?</p> 			
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Landscapes using different media</p> 			
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Athletics</p> 			
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Composing tone poems based on Smetana's 'Vlatava'</p> 			
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Living things: Environment focus</p> 			