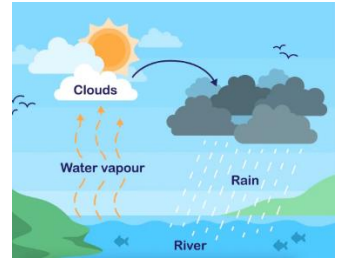


Term 5 Newsletter

How do rivers shape the land?



Dear Maples families,

Welcome back, 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 and how they have changed the landscape over time. In literacy, the children will be learning about the different stages of the water cycle. They will be writing as intrepid explorers, using the story 'The Rhythm of the Rain' as their inspiration.

In maths, we will be focussing on telling the time. This can be a particularly tricky concept to master and needs regular and repeated practice every day. Please practice this as much as possible at home by referring to the clock at key points during the day.

Homework

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that you have recorded this on Boom Reader. A member of staff will be checking the log on a Friday to add gems for the class reward. Lexia continues to be a useful tool for imbedding grammar and comprehension skills.
Times Tables	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. This will be the last term before the Year 4s take the multiplication assessment. Maths Frame have a useful Times Table check resource that is very similar to the MTC test, please see the link below. https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check
CGP activities	The children will be set a piece of either maths or grammar homework a week from the CGP books. This activity will link to the learning focus in school and allows us to check if they need any further support

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

- Can you name a part of a river?
- What is our local river?
- Can you explain the water cycle to me?
- 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







Reminders – The children must bring in a water bottle every day, especially now the weather is warming up. Please make sure **all jumpers are labelled** and bring a coat for any wet weather. Our PE days are Monday and Friday, on these days the children should come dressed in their PE kit.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Lulham, Mrs Wood and Miss Taiclet

How do Rivers Shape the Land Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Letter writing</p> 	<p>Poetry</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p>	<p>Time</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Living things with an environment focus</p>	
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Landscapes using different media</p> 	
<p>Geography</p> 		<p>Why is our local river significant?</p> 
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>SCARF</p> 	<p>Being my best</p> 
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Coding – using Scratch</p>	
<p>RE</p> 	<p>For Christian, when Jesus left, what was the impact of the Pentecost?</p>	
<p>French</p> 	<p>Where in the world...?</p>	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Composing tone poems based on Smetana's 'Vltava'</p>	
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Netball</p>	