



Year 5 Term 1 Down by the river



English: Character and setting description

Key Text: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Purpose for writing: Children will learn the structure and organisation of a character and setting description and how to write a diary recount. They will read the book above completing a range of comprehension skills and activities.



Polite reminders and notices:

PE days - Grasshoppers (Tuesday and Thursday), Woodpeckers (Tuesday and Wednesday). Don't forget to wear your school jumper/cardigan with your PE kit. Earrings (studs) should be removed before PE.

Spellings - tested every Monday.

Homework - Sent home Friday, due in Wednesday. Reading records also in on a Wednesday.

Topic homework - Due in 20th October 2026.

Science: Forces

The children will be developing their understanding of forces (gravity, friction) as well as learning about air resistance and water resistance. They will carry out experiments to answer scientific questions and see the theory in action.



Maths: Place value

Number and place value: Children will be learning to read, write, count (forwards and backwards) and order numbers up to 1,000,000 and know the value of each digit. They will round numbers up to 1,000,000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. They will apply their skills to solve number problems and practical problems in context.

Addition and subtraction: Children will continue to practice both mental and column addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers with more than 4-digits.

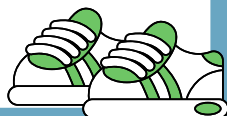
(Please see our Calculation Progression document on our website for Addition and Subtraction strategies.)

KIRFS (mental strategies): add and subtract near multiples of 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 then adjust, (including crossing boundaries), add any pairs of 4-digit multiples of 100, subtract a 4/5-digit multiple of 100. Times tables: 2,5,10,3,8 - reviewing skills from previous years.

PE: Gymnastics (over/under) and tag rugby

Gymnastics: Partner work, over and under - Children will explore different types of roll, spins, body shapes, arches and bridges and controlling speed. They will explore movement with a partner, looking at travelling over and under one another.

Tag Rugby- Children will learn how to grip and pass a rugby ball right, left and backwards. They will learn to run onto the ball at pace and attack in staggered lines applying skills to game situations.



Music: Rhythm builders

The children will develop their understanding of rhythm and rhythmic notation. They will get to grips with time signatures, learning to 'feel' the difference between three and four beats in a bar. They will explore folk traditions such as Morris dancing and Basque dance and have fun creating and performing their own dances.



Art: Perspective

This term the children will be looking at perspective in drawing. They will look at works by Christo Javacheff and practise using perspective in their own drawings.

PSHE: Relationships

This term we will discuss various topics like how relationships with adults affect our future, how words have power, personal boundaries, online friendships, grooming and peer pressure.



FL: The date

The children will learn the days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31 will be introduced, revised and consolidated so, by the end of this unit, pupils will have the knowledge and skills to say the date and when their birthday is in Spanish.



Computing: Quizzing

As well as continuing our online safety learning, the children will learn the process of designing and creating interactive quizzes using Purple Mash's 2Quiz tool. Through exploring question types, adding creative features, and debugging, children will develop their technical skills and creativity while producing engaging quizzes for others to enjoy.



RE: What kind of King was Jesus?

Children will be discussing ideas about the Kingdom of God and where they think it is. They will be exploring the Gospels and parables about Jesus.



Geography: Down by the river

Children will locate the rivers around the world. They will learn about key aspects of physical geography including: how rivers are formed, the key parts of a river and the changes to landscape. They will also learn about aspects of human geography, including: the impact of settlements on a river.