

Important Dates and Messages

We are very fortunate to have swimming this term. This will be Thursdays at the Mountbatten centre. It will run for 10 academic weeks starting on the 11th of September.

Maths:

In the first half term we will be focussing on the place value of numbers up to 1 million and numbers up to two decimal places. We will build upon our knowledge from Year 4 and will use mathematical vocabulary to write, compare and order increasingly large numbers.

English:

Within our English lessons this half term, we will be creating our own narrative piece linked to the classic *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham. We will be analysing the characters carefully through drama, hot seating and roleplay. We will also be using our descriptive techniques and language to help create sentences, paragraphs and eventually an alternative chapter based off of the book.

During guided reading this term, we will be reading *Wind in the Willows* to help deepen our understanding of the text. We will be analysing the book and using inference, prediction and retrieval skills to understand the characters and plot at a deeper level.

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**Main focus: Geography**

We will be doing the geography topic of 'Rivers'. Throughout this half term, we will use our map skills to locate rivers around the world and discover how they form and change over time.

Key vocab: Condensation, precipitation, evaporation, confluence, source, meander, depth, bank, deposition, transportation.

Science

Our very exciting first topic will be Space! Within this, we will be discovering how the solar system works, how day and night occur, the different phases of the moon and many more fascinating facts!

Key vocab: Sun, north, south, east, west, rotate, moon, axis, orbit, Earth, sphere, sunset, sunrise

Art

Over the next few weeks, we will be studying the work of Claude Monet and painting river scenes in his style.

RE

We will be explaining what many Christians believe Jesus' messages are.

Computing

We will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

PE

We will also be improving our reaction and response in PE. PE will predominantly be on Wednesday and Thursdays.

My Happy Mind

In my happy mind, we will be focusing on understanding our brain and the important parts of it.