

English

- The children will be looking at a variety of year 4 skills, including: possessive apostrophes, common homophones and the present perfect tense.
- We will be writing a recount based on our 'Misty Mountains, Windy Rivers' topic.
- After our trip to a river, we will be writing a variety of texts all about the trip.



Misty Mountains, Windy Rivers Spring 1 Year 4

PE

- This half term, the children will be learning a range of skills based and team games.

Music

- We will be learning the song 'Blackbird' by The Beatles as well as adding instruments to our performance.

Geography

- As part of our Topic we will complete a river study, including: uses of rivers and how they change the landscape.
- We will then focus on the different types of mountains, and their locations in the UK and around the world.

Trips/Visitors & cost

- **Visit to Cheriton - River Itchen.**
- **Approx £9 per child.**

Computing

- Children will use the new ICT suite to help research our topic and to develop their Computing skills.

RE

- The Torah scroll and its importance to the Jewish faith.

Spanish

- We will continue to use Language Angels to engage and support the children's interest in foreign languages.

Maths

- Our main focus for this half term is multiplication and division, using written methods, problem solving and multiplying more than two numbers.
- We will be focussing on our tables using TT Rockstars and other computer based programmes .
- Towards the end of Spring 1 we will be moving on to a unit on measures; focussing on area.

Science

- Children will learn all about the importance and stages of 'The Water Cycle' - they will make models and complete an explanation text about this crucial part of our eco-system.

PSHE

- Living In The Wider World—the children will focus on jobs and aspirations for the future.

How you can help...

Check out the ideas on the reverse of this letter!

HOMWORK

This includes:

- Reading daily and completing the Reading Record online.
- Practice Times Tables (Times Tables Rockstars)
- Practice spellings regularly
- Project work
 - Choose **at least one** of the choices on offer. Hand them in when you choose within the Half Term. Children can share these in class.
 1. Make a fact-file about bodies of water around Portsmouth i.e Tipner Lake, Southsea Beach, Portsmouth Harbour. You could include pictures, photos, drawings.
 2. Create an art piece inspired by rivers or mountains—use any media you wish—i.e. pencils, paint, collage—be creative!
 3. Create a computer presentation (for example on PowerPoint) all about rivers and mountains.
 4. Write your own adventure story where the characters are stranded by a river or on a mountain.
 5. Present a model, diagram, video or other format all about the 'Water Cycle'.

YEAR GROUP SPELLING LIST

These are the next words from the year 3 and 4 Spelling List. Please take some time to practise these at home.

particular *calendar*
popular *position*
possess *possession*
purpose *potatoes*