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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Year 4 Spring 2 newsletter.

Our topic for this half term is Rivers, learning all about the courses of a river and how rivers are used.

In **English**, we are going to be producing two pieces of writing. Our first will be a retell from the perspective of a water droplet. This will be inspired by the book, 'The Rhythm of the Rain' following the journey of a water droplet from when it first drops into the waterfall until it arrives at the ocean. For our second write, we will be writing a persuasive text to explain why we should introduce beavers back to the local area. This will be supported by our geography and science learning.



In **geography**, our big question is, 'What are rivers and how are they used?' As **geographers**, we will be exploring how a river is formed and how they are used. We will get the exciting opportunity to visit a local river and identify its features. **Information about this trip will be given out in the next few weeks.**

As **mathematicians**, we will begin to explore fractions including mixed numbers. After this, we will use our knowledge of fractions to write equivalent decimals.

Times Tables continue to be an important part of learning in Year 4 so we encourage you to go on TT Rockstars and the Maths Frame Times Table check as much as you can at home. If your child has forgotten their login details, please ask their class teacher.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

As **Scientists**, we are going to be learning about living things and their habitats. We will learn how to group animals and plants in various ways and make our own classification keys. We will then look at the impact humans have on habitats.



As **Artists**, we will be exploring the topic, Craft and design: Fabric of nature. We will develop imagery and patterns using different techniques. We will then understand how art is made for different purposes.

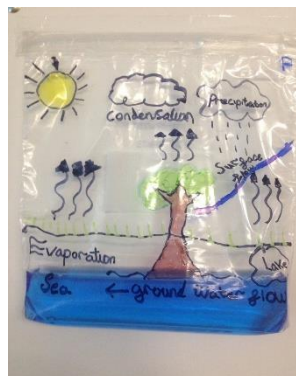
Family Homework Challenge!

Do you know how rivers are formed? You can read more about this topic here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7w8pg8#zhtybqt>

Your family challenge is to try and make your own model of the water cycle using a zip-lock bag. Ensure you tape your model to a sunny window to see the water cycle in action. For instructions on how to make your model, search: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/water-cycle-in-a-bag/>

Make sure you share your observations with the class!



Home learning expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading	X3 a week
TT Rockstar – Studio and Garage	Daily – for 5 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if your child has forgotten them. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

As always, if you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 team