

Theme: Rivers

Date: Spring 2019

Numeracy

Useful websites:

Practise multiplication tables with your child. Useful website:

<https://www.ttrockstars.com>

Go to your year group and go on number! Scroll down for the interactive games:

<http://www.snappymaths.com/year4/>

Try some open ended investigations to get you and your child thinking!

<http://www.mathcats.com/#contents>

Science

This term's topic is plants. There are lots of useful websites using the link below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=71>

Butterfly Lion, Toro, Toro, Farm Boy, Wreck of Zanzibar- Michael Morpurgo
The Diary of a Medieval Squire/ A Young Elizabethan Actor Moira- Butterfield
The Revolting Rabbits- Susan Gates
The Time Travelling Cat- Julia Jarman

How you can help

Help with homework.

Encourage children to present their work to a high standard.

Homework is set on Thursdays and should be returned by Wednesday at the latest.

Log on to

www.purplemash.com

www.ttrockstars.com

www.studyladder.co.uk

Topic Show an interest in your child's learning.

This term's topic is 'Rivers.' We will be looking at rivers all over the world, learning the geographical features and language of rivers before considering how rivers have and still do affect how and where we live.

Spelling

The children have been shown different ways to practise spellings. Ask them to show you. We will be sending home spelling rules which the children will need to apply. A useful website for helping with the learning of spellings -

<http://www.spellingframe.co.uk>

The Strongest Girl in the World, The Boy Who Could fly, The Invisible Boy, The Smallest Girl Ever- Sally Gardner
Tiara Club- Vivian French
Pirate Brother, Bug Brother- Pete Johnson
Harry Potter – J K Rowling.

Reading

Listen to your child read. Ask questions about the books they have read.

Fiction books:

- What did you think about the beginning of the story? Did it make you want to read more?
- Were you happy with the ending? Can you think of an alternative ending?
- Which part did you enjoy most? Why?
- Did any part of the story surprise you? Why?
- How did you feel when...?
- Which was your favourite character? Why?
- Was there a character that you did not like? Why?
- Can you think of a question that you would like to ask one of the characters?
- Which character would you most like to be?
- How do you think the character felt when...?
- Why do you think that character behaved in that way?
- What clues were there about...?
- Did you expect ... to happen?
- What do you think .. thought when...?
- If .. could speak when... what would they say?
- How does the illustration on page ... make you feel?

Non-fiction books:

- How helpful was the contents page?
- Did the glossary help you to understand any of the words that you did not understand before?
- Can you tell me one piece of information you have remembered from the book?
- Which illustration did you find most interesting and why?
- Were there any questions that you thought of that weren't answered in the book?
- How helpful were the diagrams/ photographs/captions/tables/statistics?