

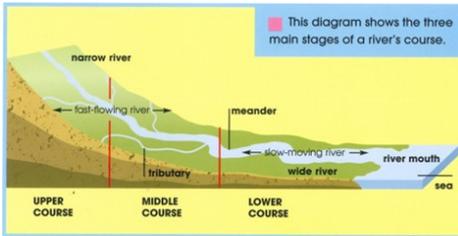
Year 5 News



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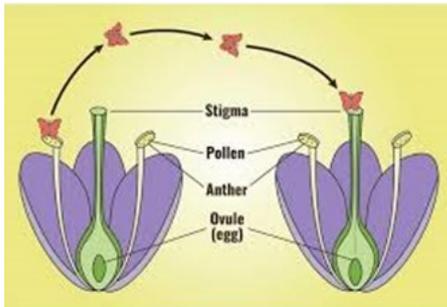
Rivers: how do they affect us and our landscape?

This half term we will have a geography focus, studying rivers.



We will look at how rivers are formed and their features such as meanders, ox-bow lakes and waterfalls. We will also study the effect of pollution and causes of flooding.

Science



Our science for this half term focuses on plant life cycles. We will start by studying plant life cycles and then move on to looking at animal life cycles.

The children will be planting bean seeds and are observing the changes as the seeds germinate and grow.



Music



This term, we will be using glockenspiels to learn, play and perform some jazz vocabulary over some pre-recorded chord sequences. We will also appraise some of the genre's classics.

English



This term we will focus on *Kensuke's Kingdom*, the novel by Michael Morpurgo. We will read the book together in class and base our writing on events in the story, including writing from characters' point of view, diary writing and creating new scenes.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be looking into communication safely across the internet. This will enable us to produce blogs for other children to read during the second half of the term.

Reading

Our reciprocal reading will continue to cover a range of genres to develop reading fluency and comprehension. Please remember that **Wednesday** is our day to monitor reading records in Year 5. Please help improve your child's reading skills by reading regularly with and/or to them and encourage them to complete their Reading Record and **return it to school every Wednesday**.



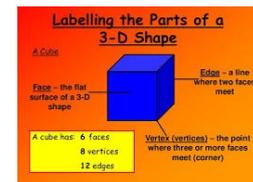
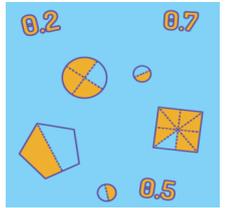
Art

We shall be continuing to use the skills that we have learned this year to create our own botanical art. We shall focus on Georgia O'Keeffe and her style of painting the natural world.



Maths

Our maths work for this half term will continue to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages and focusing on the links between them.



This will be followed by a focus on properties of shapes. Our quick fire maths work will continue to return to areas of place value and calculation previously taught.

PE

PE days for Year 5 are **Mondays** and **Fridays**. This half term our PE will be focusing on orienteering and health and fitness.



Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). During lessons they will need to remove all jewellery. If your child is unable to do PE, they must present a note explaining why they are exempt.

The catch-up swimming sessions will continue on a Monday afternoon this term for pupils in Y5K and Y5EH; pupils from Y5EH will be notified when this applies to them.

Home Learning



We will continue to use Google Classroom to send home weekly maths and English home learning on a Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.