

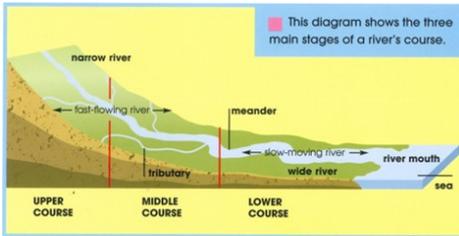
Year 5 News



April 2021

Rivers: how do they affect us and our landscape?

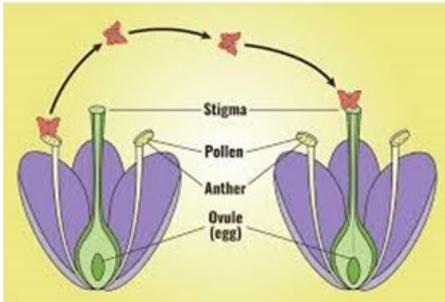
This half term we will have a geography focus, studying rivers.



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.

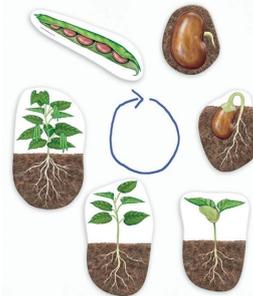
Science

Our science for this half term is plant life cycles - this will be covered across the curriculum.



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.



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.

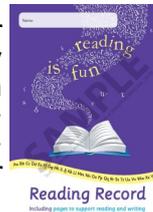
Computing

This term we will be learning to use Flowol, which will develop the children's programming skills. They will learn to represent algorithms as flowcharts and program inputs, outputs and subroutines to control actions.

Reading

Our reciprocal reading will continue to cover a range of genres to develop reading fluency and comprehension.

Please help improve your child's reading skills by reading regularly with and/or to them and encourage them to complete and return their **Reading Record**.



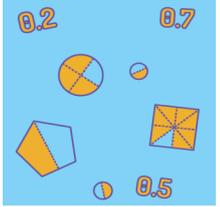
Home Learning



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.

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

This half term, we will be learning about tennis in our PE lessons. PE days for Year 5 are as follows:



5EH: Mondays & Friday

5K: Mondays & Wednesdays

5W: Mondays (swimming) & Thursdays

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.