

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

Our Summer term topic is 'Rivers and Coasts'

We are thrilled to share that our new topic for this term is **Rivers and Coasts**, where we will explore the fascinating question: **How do rivers and coasts change the world around us?** This exciting subject will take us on a journey to understand the power of water and its impact on both the natural and human world.

During the course of our learning, we will study our local river, the **River Taw**, learning about its journey from source to sea. The children will investigate its physical features as well as the human features along its course. As part of this topic, we are planning a **field study** along the River Taw, where the children will observe these features first hand, carry out simple measurements, and consider how the river shapes the landscape around us.

Our learning will extend beyond the local area to explore rivers from around the world, such as the Nile, Amazon, and Yangtze. We will compare their characteristics and understand their importance to the communities that live alongside them. Through these studies, the children will gain a deeper appreciation of how rivers have shaped civilisations throughout history.

A significant focus will be placed on the impact of human activity on rivers and coasts. The children will learn about the effects of pollution, such as plastic waste and discuss the importance of protecting these vital ecosystems. We will also explore how rivers and coasts can be affected by natural processes like flooding, as well as the steps humans take to manage these challenges through engineering solutions like levees and sea walls.

Our topic will be enriched through a variety of engaging activities, including trips to our local museum as well as Ilfracombe Aquarium and Lifeboat Station.

We are looking forward to a term filled with curiosity, exploration, and hands-on learning. Attached is a **knowledge organiser** that outlines key information, vocabulary, and concepts to support your child's understanding of this topic. We encourage you to refer to it throughout the term to help reinforce their learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Lower Key Stage 2 Team.

WEEK	WRITING	WEEK	MATHS
1 - 4	Setting Narrative Writing ~ Rhythm of the Rain By Grahame Baker-Smith	1 - 4	Fractions ~ Understanding, comparing and ordering fractions
		5	Mass and Capacity
HALF TERM			
5 - 8	Information Leaflet about Rivers based on the Rhythm of the Rain	6- 8	Fractions of a Number and Adding and Subtracting Fractions
		9 -12	Money, Time and Shape
9 - 12	Environment Letter Writing ~ Dear Earth By Isabel Otter		