

Year 6 Newsletter

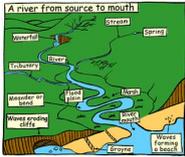
Spring 1 2021

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term. The start of the new term has obviously been a little bit different to normal but what a start it has been! With three weeks of remote learning already under their belts, the children are engaging with this new way of learning brilliantly.

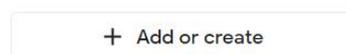
Curriculum overview for this half-term

Topic: <i>Water, Water, Everywhere</i> We are excited to be starting a new topic with Geography as a lead subject.	
Subject	Main Learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick• Persuasive letter• Survival guides - instructions and explanations• Adventure Story Writing 
Spelling and Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relative clauses and punctuation for parentheses• Prepositions• Semicolons• Formal and informal writing• Year 5/6 word list
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decimals and Percentages• Algebra• Measurement 
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humans and Other Animals• Micro-organisms• Classification keys• Carl Linnaeus• The five kingdoms 

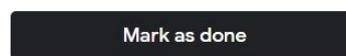
<p>Foundation Subjects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rivers and Flooding ● Observational sketching of natural objects leading to abstract pictures ● Hokusai - artist study ● Hinduism ● Musical genre appreciation ● eSafety ● Coding (HTML) 
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Submitting your work online

If a piece of work is set using Google Docs, it should be as straightforward as clicking 'Turn in' in the top right corner. However, if we only ever set work using Docs, the children would be restricted in what they can submit.



In all Google Classroom assignments there is the option to '+ **Add or Create**'. In this section, you can attach photos or files from other software such as Microsoft Word or Powerpoint.



We have created a 4 minute support video for how to do this in each of the Google Classroom bubbles. We also recommend downloading **the free Google Classroom app** to make this even easier (see the video for support with this).

Expectations

Children should now be handing in the one designated piece of learning on Google Classroom by 3.30pm each day; if they are unable to complete it or are having trouble submitting it, they should make use of the 'Private Comment' function on Google Classroom to explain why.

At the end of most live lessons, a task will be set that will be needed in the following day's live lesson. It is also an expectation that this is completed so that they are able to participate fully in subsequent learning opportunities. If we notice that pieces of work are missing, we may contact you to find out if there is anything we can do to support you further.

As strange as it is, we are all very excited about delivering learning through a different means and our excitement has been matched by the children's enthusiasm. Your part, as parents facilitating home learning, is hugely appreciated. We are here to help so if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office.

Kind regards,

Mr Surkitt, Mrs McGarrigle, Mrs Lawless and Mrs Frost