

In English we will be focussing on:

- Writing to inform—Factual tour

We will be using the book *Once upon a raindrop* to help us construct our own factual tour of the water cycle.

- Writing to entertain—Poetry

We will also be writing a poem about a river following Valerie Bloom's *The River*.



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Our enquiry is:
**How and why is my local
environment changing?**

In Science we will be focussing on:

Animals, including humans—The Digestive System

- Describe the simple function of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions

Other things we will be focussing on:

- DT— mechanical systems—Levers and linkages
- Computing—writing for different audiences



In maths we will be focussing on:

- Multiplication and Division - Use different method to multiply and divide increasingly larger Numbers
- Length and perimeter—We will explore measurements in kilometres and metres, and investigate perimeters of different shapes.
- Fractions - Hundredths will be introduced for the first time and equivalent and simplifying fractions will also be explored, as well as mixed numbers.



In Music we will be focussing on:

- Play and perform in ensemble context, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Key vocabulary linked to year 4 spelling words:

Breath	Heart	Consider
breathe	Medicine	Fruit
Exercise	Weight	Group
experiment	describe	length

During Geography we will be focussing on:

- Why do places change?
- How has my local area changed in the past?
- How and why does the quality of the environment change in my local area?



In RE we will be focussing on:

Hinduism - Dharma

- How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?

Ways you can help your child this term:

- Listen to your child read every day. Reading will allow them to access the curriculum more independently. Talking to them about the things they have read will help support their comprehension skills.
- TT Rockstars, numbots and Lexia will be influential on helping children reach their end of year 4 targets—10 minutes a day.
- If your child has a Rockerbox account, they need to access this at home as much as possible.