



**Topic - Rivers in Spring 1**

**The Romans in Spring 2**

In Spring 1, we will learn about different rivers across the UK. We will define key river terms such as the source and the mouth, along

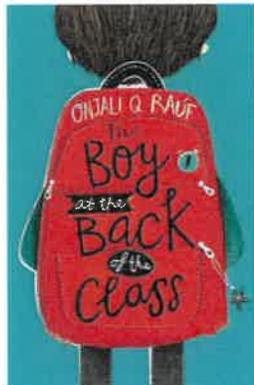
with learning about the different courses within a river.

Our topic in History this term will be the Romans and our key question will be 'What happened when the Romans came to Britain?'. We will learn about the Roman invasion and what the Romans left behind that is still of significance today.

**English**

We will begin the term by reading the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. We will focus on improving our inference skills through understanding and explaining the feelings of different characters in the book. At home, It is important to continue reading books regularly to improve children's reading stamina and accuracy.

In our writing lessons, we will use 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as one of our writing stimuluses. We will write a diary entry, a letter and a narrative. We will also learn how to write an explanation text, explaining how Wallace and Gromit's Soccamatic machine works, as well as explaining the features of a river, linked to our Geography learning. The key grammar and punctuation focus of our writing this half term will be using different sentence openers, including fronted adverbials and subordinate conjunctions. We will also focus on using apostrophes for possession accurately.



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**Newsletter – Spring Term 2026**

**Year 4**

**Welcome to the Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.**

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**Maths**

In our maths lessons this term, we will continue to work on our quick recall of multiplication facts. We will learn how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. We will also focus on our understanding of coordinates; we will learn to write coordinates accurately, as well as how to translate shapes on grids and how to draw polygons using given coordinates.

I continue to encourage children to use Times Table Rock Stars as much as possible at home as this will improve the speed of their times table recall. My Maths homework will also be issued on a Monday.

**RE**

In Spring 1, our RE lessons will focus on the Sikh religion with the key question, 'What can we learn from a Gurdwara?' We will consider the key features of the Gurdwara and what happens during a Sikh service. We will then compare this to Christian worship. In Spring 2, our key question will be 'What kind of world does Jesus want?'

**PE**

Our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Children will need their P kits in school so that they are able to fully take part in these lessons. In games, we will focus on using the space around us when sending and receiving the ball. In gymnastics, we will put together a range of balances and methods of travel into a sequence. We will use different types of apparatus as part of our sequences.

**Science**

Our science topic this term will be 'Electricity'. We will construct a simple series electrical circuit, learning to identify and name its basic parts. We will also learn to recognise some common conductors and insulators.



**Computing**

Our computing lessons will focus on audio production. We will be learning how digital devices are used to record, edit and mix sounds and understand how they can be retrieved and played.

**Diary Dates**

- Tuesday 10th February—Safer Internet Day
- Monday 23rd February—INSET Day
- Thursday 5th March—World Book Day
- Friday 6th March—Year 4 Come Dine with Me
- Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March—Parents evening
- Friday 13th March—INSET Day
- Thursday 26th March—Year 4 Bikeability

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