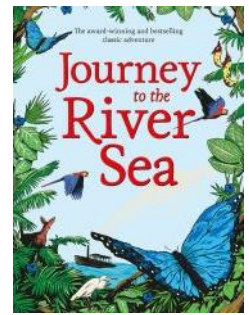




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**Topic: Rivers**

Welcome to Spring 2. As a reminder, Class 6 homework will continue to be the SAT Buster books this term. Please encourage your children to ask me about any questions they are unsure of. Thank you for your continued support with this.

As always, your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to see me after school, should you ever need to, or email questions via the school office.

Discuss which spellings they found tricky this week in their writing and encourage them to try a range of strategies to help remember.

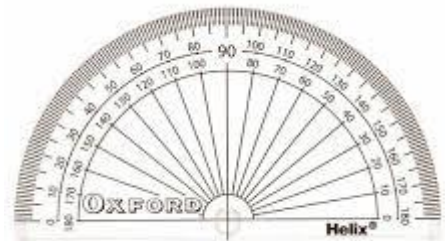
Remind them that they are getting better and learning more every day!

<b>Weekly schedule</b>	
Monday:	Hand in SATs Busters & reading records
Wednesday:	Mrs Tennant teaching
Thursday:	PE
Friday:	PE

**English**  
The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel: 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This will inspire writing including a scene description and a journey story. We will continue to use 'sentence stacking' to build our skills in creating a variety of sentence structures, using a range of punctuation effectively and incorporating 'Boomtastics' (figurative language) for effect. The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering the difficulties the key characters face. Additionally, we will have whole class reading sessions to explore vocabulary and purpose of texts before answering questions independently.

Our regular spelling sessions will include investigations, exploration of graphemes and activities to build understanding of patterns, rules and exceptions.

**Mathematics**  
In addition to regular arithmetic practice, we will continue with exploring algebra by looking at expressions, equations and formula. We will then move onto understanding and calculating area, perimeter and volume as well as learning how to use a protractor.






**Music**  
Instrumental music, inspired by South America .



**PSHE**  
'Economic well-being'  
Developing awareness and understanding of finance.



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<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>In dance, balance, control, shape and form will be developed as well as linking a sequence of movements. Hockey will further develop teamwork, ball control and spatial awareness as well as game strategy and tactics.</p> 	<p><b>Art/DT</b></p> <p>Rainforest art and Rainforest artists: Don Francisco Montes Shuna (Peruvian Maestro Vegetalista) &amp; Yolanda Panduro Baneo (His wife, an Artist) and John Dyer (UK).</p> 
<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>We will be completing our work on spreadsheets, before researching and presenting information about the Amazon Rainforest using the Keynote app. We will also be looking at cyberbullying in online safety lessons.</p>	<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>Class 6 will consider Christianity and the question:          ' Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p><i>Light</i></p> <p>Class 6 will explore how light travels and use this to explain how we see things. They will look at the effect of light in relation to mirrors, shadows, and rainbows.</p> 	<p><b>MFL</b></p> <p>This half term we will continue to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics with a focus this term on transport.</p> <p><b>Geography</b></p> <p>We will explore, rainforests and the impact of deforestation, rivers and the water cycle.</p>
<p><b>How you can support your child at home?</b></p> <p>Look at the weight and capacity of items in your kitchen cupboards to give children a real sense of what measures such as a litre or 500g are.</p> <p>Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you each day.</p> <p>Talk about the book they are currently reading as part of the Reading Rocket challenge.</p> <p>Support as needed with the SAT Buster books and encourage your child to bring them back to school every Monday.</p> <p>Remind them that they are doing brilliantly and learning more every day!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Children Return</p> <p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day</p> <p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March Open Afternoon</p> <p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March Mock Sats Week</p> <p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief</p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Evening</p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break for Easter</p>