



**Year 4 Spring 1 – What’s Going on?**

**Topic Overview**

In Spring 1, we will be looking at the features of a river. We will understand the role of the water cycle and how it works. We will learn why rivers are so important as both a natural resource and a source of economy. We will look at key rivers around the world (Thames, Danube and Colorado) and compare and contrast them.

**Hook:** The children will become Marine Biologist. Using facts, research and maps, the children will investigate how a whale ended up in the River Thames. Can they come up with any theories?

**Educational visit:**  
Walk to the Thames

**Our Learning Overview**

<b>Old Father Thames</b>	<b>English</b>	Our core text this term is This Morning I Met a Whale. We will use this as inspiration to write a diary entry. This will be first person narrative written, focusing on ways to create atmosphere. We will also create an information text using Talk for Writing strategies.
	<b>Maths</b>	In Maths, we will continue to use our times table knowledge to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We will look at equivalent units of length and will use this to identify the perimeter of rectilinear and polygon shapes.
	<b>Science</b>	In Science, we will be studying animals including humans. We will be learning about food chains, the human anatomy, including bones, teeth and muscles and the human digestive system.
	<b>Geography</b>	In Geography, the children will learn about the water cycle and the journey of a river. As well, we will be mapping the River Thames and learning about its importance to growth of England.
	<b>Art/PE</b>	In Art, we looking at the artist Monet. We will be using oil pastels to create seascapes and different tonal drawings of different sea life. In PE, we will be learning the skills needed to play a game of Netball. We will also enhance our gymnastic skills in our indoor PE sessions.
	<b>PD/RE</b>	In Personal Development, we will be developing good and healthy relationships, respecting the differences between people and understanding the importance of belonging to communities. In RE, the focus will be Christianity and we will discuss the impact of Jesus and how he inspired people.
	<b>Music &amp; Computing</b>	In Music, we will be looking at different genres of music, exploring different pitches, rhythms and tempos. We will be building on our confidence to perform a specific song. In computing, we focusing on the internet and communication.

**Key Texts**


