



Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter



Summer 2026

Our theme this term is 'Misty Mountains and Winding River':

Our new Misty Mountains and Winding River theme teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

Music:

Year 3 will continue with their instrumental lessons with Mrs Kendall on a Monday. **Year 4** will continue their music lessons delivered by Sing Education.

French:

Y3: French Classrooms and a Circle of Life **Y4:** Numbers and Birthdays, and French Food.

Art:

We will be learning about the techniques artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere. We will explore atmospheric perspective and how artists create warmth and coolness in their paintings, before creating our own landscapes.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another exciting term! As we move into the Summer term, we would be very grateful if you would continue to support your child's learning at home. Please listen to your child read, help them to practise their spellings and learn their times table facts, as well as support them with their weekly home learning task. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Maths:

Year 3: This term, the children will be learning how to read scales and solve problems using measures. The children will then move onto focusing on money, time, shape and statistics.

Year 4: This term, the children will be completing their unit on fractions before moving onto decimals, money, time and shape, position and direction. The children in Year 4 will be completing the statutory 'Multiplication Check' the week commencing 1st June. Please can you support your child with this at home, continuing to practise and learn their times table facts with increasing speed and fluency.

English:

This term we will be reading and writing a range of different text types. Within the summer term, we will be reading 'The Angel of Grasmere by Tom Palmer as our whole class read which has several cross curricular links to our overarching theme. In addition to this, within our writing, we will be using the non-fiction text 'Amazing Rivers'. This will introduce new grammatical features as well as revisit those previously taught. At the end of the theme, the children will demonstrate their geographical and grammatical understanding through producing an information leaflet.

Geography:

We will learn about the different stages of a river system, how rivers change over time and look at local rivers and rivers of the world. The children will learn about different types of mountains and mountain ranges in the UK. We will develop our fieldwork skills on a river study to Danby. We will send more information in due course. We will compare the features of The Lake District with Pickering. We will then create an information pack for visitors to the Lake District to help them enjoy the rivers and mountains safely.

Science:

Our focus this term is 'Living Things' and 'Materials'. We will learn about the different states of matter and what makes something a solid, liquid or a gas. We will also learn about what happens when materials change state. We will look closely at how evaporation and condensation are involved in the water cycle.

Computing:

This term, we will be using our coding skills to explore Micro:bits. We will then go on to creating Sound Stories.

RE:

Our RE theme this term is: 'What can we learn from religion about deciding what is right and wrong?' Children will compare the beliefs and experiences of different religions and also a non-religious belief system.

PSHE:

This half term our PSHE theme is 'Relationships'. We will learn about different ways to solve problems in a friendship when they arise and how to help others feel welcome in a group. Alongside this, in separate year groups, we will explore 'Changing Me'. We will talk about what makes us unique and explore how we feel when we experience change.

PE and Games sessions:

This term we will focus on balancing, reactions and be applying different skills learnt with control and consistency. We will be developing our running, jumping and throwing skills through our athletics sessions. After half term, we will be beginning rounders. It is the turn of **Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Morris'** class swimming. Please ensuring children have named PE kit in school for our PE lesson every Wednesday.

Year 4 will be sitting their National Multiplication Tables Check in June. More information will follow and some is attached but it is vital your child practises their times table knowledge every day in preparation for this test.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.