



Rivers Class Curriculum Overview

Term 6 2025-26

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 6!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break and are ready for an exciting final term of the school year. This term is a busy one, packed with learning opportunities, special events and experiences for both Year 5 and Year 6.

One of the highlights of the term will be our school production. The children will spend time rehearsing throughout the term, developing their confidence, teamwork and performance skills before taking to the stage for performances on 15th and 16th July. We are sure all of their hard work will result in a fantastic show.

We also have some exciting trips planned. On 19th June, the children will visit the SS Great Britain, bringing their learning to life through a hands-on historical experience. Year 6 pupils will also be taking part in their residential trip on 22nd-26th June, which promises to be a fantastic opportunity to build independence, resilience and lasting memories with friends.

Alongside these exciting events, we have plenty of enriching learning planned across the curriculum:

Maths - In Year 5 this term, children will focus on Properties of Shape, Time and Statistics. They will develop their understanding of angles, lines and shape properties, learn to solve problems involving time, and explore how data can be collected, presented and interpreted. Throughout these topics, children will continue to strengthen their reasoning and problem-solving skills while building confidence in applying their mathematical knowledge in a range of contexts.

In Year 6, the children will spend this term consolidating and revising key areas of mathematics to ensure they are secure in their understanding as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. They will revisit important concepts from across the curriculum, applying their knowledge through problem-solving and reasoning activities. This will help to build confidence, fluency and independence in their mathematical thinking as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Geography – This term, we will be exploring the Great Barrier Reef. Children will learn about its location, physical features and importance as one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. We will investigate the challenges facing the reef, including climate change and pollution, and consider how people can help protect this unique natural environment.



Science – In Science, we will be studying Biology and Classification. The children will learn how living things are grouped according to their characteristics and discover how scientists classify plants, animals and microorganisms. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills through observation, investigation and discussion.

Our Music lessons this term are all about the play. We will be doing it on two evenings – the 15th and 16th July – please put these in your diaries.

For languages, we are finishing the year with a few lessons learning Swedish. Bella moved back from Sweden in September and will be teaching us some simple phrases. It will be good to celebrate her expertise.

RE – In Religious Education, we will be learning about Buddhism and the concept of enlightenment. Children will explore the life of the Buddha, the teachings of Buddhism and the significance of enlightenment for Buddhists around the world.

PSHE – In PSHE, our topic is ‘Growing and Changing’. Children will learn about the physical, emotional and social changes that occur as they grow older. Through discussion and reflection, they will develop a greater understanding of relationships, wellbeing and personal development.

PE – In PE, children will develop their skills in athletics and rounders. They will practise running, jumping and throwing techniques while improving their speed, stamina and coordination. In rounders, they will learn key skills such as batting, fielding and teamwork, applying these in a range of games and competitive situations.

Homework:

- Please support your child by encouraging them to read for at least 20 minutes, four times a week.
- **Mathletics:** Children should aim to complete around 20 minutes, four times a week. New activities will be set each week.
- Please also keep practising times tables a few times each week.
- Spellings – please help your child to practise the 8 spellings they receive each week in time for a test each Friday.

Please remember, if you have any worries or concerns about your child, please contact the class teacher via the @letters email address.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Virgilio and Mrs Ramsden