



# RIVERS & MOUNTAINS – TERM 1 – YEAR 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a busy and exciting year!

In **English**, we will use the story 'Paradise Sands' as our text. Children will write their own mysterious sequel and argue/persuade readers to take a holiday to a destination by creating travel brochures.

In **Maths**, we are focusing on the four operations, number and place value and fractions this term. We follow the block scheme of learning by White Rose Maths and all the lesson planning can be viewed online. On Friday mornings, we will spend an additional 40 minutes a day focusing on the arithmetic skills in preparation for end of year assessments.

The four operations and children's ability to use their times tables knowledge is ABSOLUTELY key to their success. Having quick recall of times tables and division facts as well as using this knowledge to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 will be crucial in ALL of the year 6 maths curriculum. I cannot stress enough the importance of this. Please ensure your child dedicates time to practice this **daily**.

## Homework

**Maths:** Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (Staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). They are also expected to complete their TT Rockstars session (15 mins per week) OR Doodle Tables (Target stars). This is monitored in school and those not completing it will be expected to do so on a Friday.

**Reading:** Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays. Children not reading at home will stay in during Monday morning play to catch up.

**Spellings:** Children are required to complete their weekly spellings – 3 different ways, including 1 of these being the words written in context. This is checked on Fridays. They will be given set spellings each week to practice based on the patterns being taught in school.

**PE days** will be on a **Thursday & Friday**. PE kits MUST be in line with school policy. Plain white T-shirt and black shorts/skorts. Trainers or Daps.

In this geography-driven theme, we will look at rivers and mountains, looking at the key aspects of human and physical features in different regions, look at OS maps and 6-figure grid reference mapping, exploring geographical changes in our local area and conduct local fieldwork.

In **Science**, we will look at classification of light and electricity. All other foundation subject themes for the term can be found on our school website [here](#)

Looking forward to the year ahead with you all,

Mrs Holmes