



September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn 1 2026 – Streams to Oceans

Our topic this Half Term is 'Streams to Oceans'. From humble beginnings, the river flows down the mountain and into the sea. How deep does it go and how fast does it travel? Which animals make their homes there? Let's get down to the river bank and find out. Now hop on an imaginary boat and travel some of the world's most majestic rivers – including the Thames and the River Taw. We'll be exploring pollution, the water cycle and so many other exciting things during our 'Streams to Oceans' topic.

English

Our class text this Half Term is 'This morning I met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. We will begin our writing with a setting description narrative, followed by creating a newspaper. Our aim is to use a range of language including adjectives, direct speech and factual information to deliver a cutting edge news report to our readers.

Maths

We are starting our Maths learning this Half Term with some place value work, focusing on the value of numbers, rounding and partitioning. This crucial area of the Maths curriculum will help us unlock some addition and subtraction later in the Autumn term. Our Year 4s will be battling away with their Times Tables as the Multiplication check gets closer every day!

Religion and Worldviews

In RW, we will be exploring the question 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?'. The children will be exploring Christian beliefs around how the Earth was created and how Christians apply the lessons they learn through the creation story to their own lives. We'll also be considering our personal roles and responsibilities in protecting and looking after our planet.

Across the Curriculum

Geography is at the centre of our 'Streams to Oceans' topic as we will be exploring the features of rivers and identifying rivers on maps. We are hoping to bring this to life with a river walk which will also provide an opportunity for us identify river features in our local environment. We will be focusing on biology in science this half term, as we begin by learning about the human skeleton, and movement. We will then focus on nutrition and a healthy diet. Our first computing focus this Half Term will be based around E-Safety. We will then explore how computing systems and networks operate, focusing on how computers are connected to one another. Our PE focus this Half Term is Cross Country. In Art, we will be focusing on painting skills, looking at examples of work from Monet and JMW Turner to see how they used colour and shade, and developing our skills with watercolours.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, either by emailing on admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk or by finding me on the playground at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nott.



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