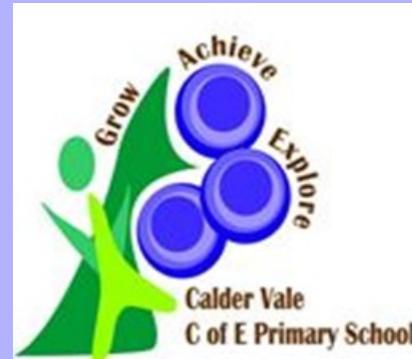


# Extra things to look forward to over the Spring Term

Relax Kids  
Swimming  
Sports Tournaments  
Theatre trip—Awful Auntie  
Mad Science Club  
Basketball Club  
Year 6 Boosters  
Rocks and Soils Day for Year 3  
River Study

**Homework reminder:** Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due back in by the following Wednesday.  
I am always available on Tuesday break and lunch if any additional support is needed with the homework.



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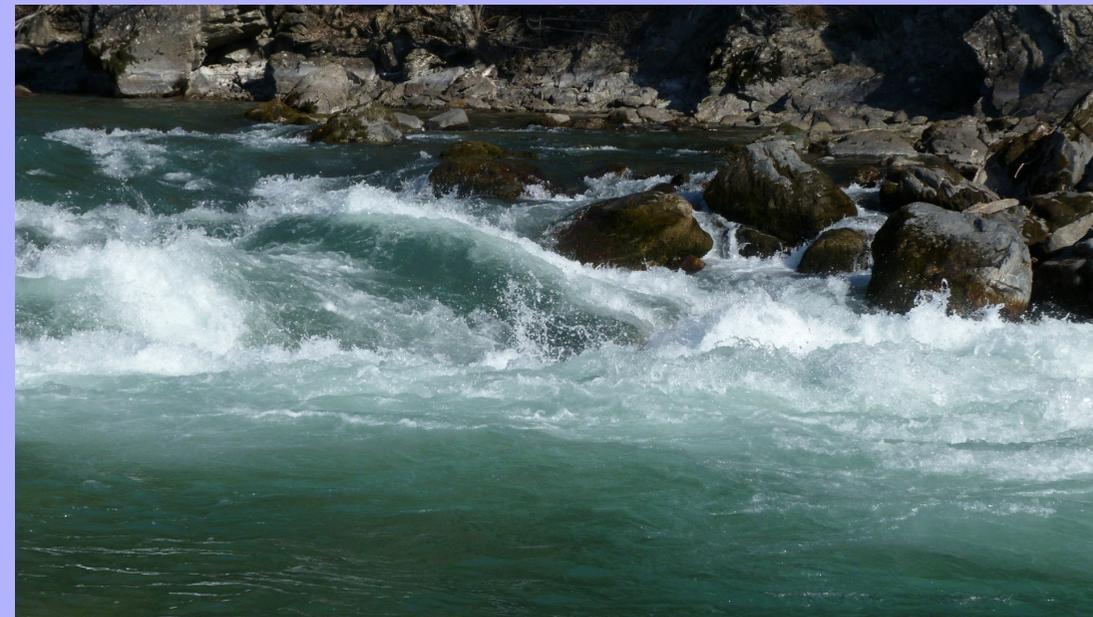
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## Our topic for the Spring Term is **Raging Rivers**



## Science

As scientists we will be learning about Classification: how and why animals and plants are grouped. During this topic we will investigate the work of Linnaeus and link his findings to Darwin as we move into Evolution and Inheritance where we will learn about genes and adaptation.

Our experiments will focus on our skills of planning, investigating, collecting data and explaining results.

## Geography

As Geographers we will be learning about steams, rivers and the water cycle.

We will recreate the journey of a water droplet through the water cycle and will learn geographical features of rivers.

We will extend our mapping skills by locating and identifying rivers throughout the world and will be visiting a local river to conduct a river study.

# Raging Rivers



In English we will be creating information texts on rainforests, writing watery poetry and mystery stories.

We are looking forward to our trip to see Awful Auntie and will also be reading novels by Dick King-Smith.

We will be continuing to expand on our spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge, especially using colons, semi-colons and parenthesis.

In Maths we will be honing our division skills and learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be investigating algebra: recognising what letters represent and working out patterns in sequences.

During the term, we will revisit perimeter, area and volume and learn about sorting data, drawing graphs and solving problems using tables and graphs.

We are excited to be using our new practical maths resources when we apply our skills every Friday.

## Music

As musicians we are learning how to sing a RAG song, listen to and appraise jazz music and to improvise alongside a piece of music.

We will also be comparing Handel's water music and Saint Saens 'The Swan.'

## French

As linguists we will be talking about school subjects, which are our favourite and why we like them. We will also be learning about weather and describing winter weather. Linking to Geography, we will be learning about French rivers.

## Computing

As computer scientists we are discussing cyber-bullying and the importance of e-safety.

We will be learning how websites are formed and creating our on websites using hyperlinks through powerpoint.

We will learn how to include images, sound clips and evaluate websites on their usability, clarity and quality of presentation.

## RE

Our school value we are focussing on this term is peace.

During RE lessons, we will be learning about the impact Jesus has had on our lives through Bible stories, pictures and hymns. We will also be learning about change and how Jesus transforms lives.

Next half-term we will be investigating why Easter is a celebration of victory.

## Art & Design Technology

As artists we will be learning about the work of the impressionists and trying to recreate some of their great paintings.

We will be replicating Monet's style by studying his waterlilies painting and creating our own watercolour canvasses.