



Year 5 Spring Term

Investigating Rivers &

Crime and Punishment

1. Why are rivers so important?

2. What are the features of a river?

3. Are all rivers made the same?

4. How could rivers change in the future?

1. What was crime and punishment like in the past?

2. How has crime and punishment change over time?

3. How has our current view of crime and punishments been shaped by the past?

As writers we will...

- …write newspaper reports to retell a significant event in history in chronological order
- ✓ …write journey story with a focus upon dialogue
- …use our persuasive skills to write a persuasive argument
- …write a wishing story with a focus upon descriptive vocabulary
- …continue to develop skills learned from autumn term
- …expand vocabulary, including literary devices such as personification and metaphors

As writers in topic we will...

- ...write an explanation text to explain the features and journey of a river
- ✓ …write a balanced argument to discuss the pros and cons of a range of punishments for crimes
- ✓ …express feelings and opinions regarding the effectiveness of punishments and whether they fit the crime

As artists we will...

- …learn about the life and time of Monet
- ✓ …create river-based art inspired by Monet
- ✓ …use a variety of mediums such as paints, charcoals and pastels to create different sceneries.

In ICT we will...

 ✓ …use SketchUp Online to construct 3D models

As mathematicians we will...

- …continue to deepen our understanding of number and place value and link these to fractions, decimals and percentages
- ✓ …compare and order fractions with different denominators
- …look at equivalent fractions and convert to fractions with different denominators
- ✓ …recognise and convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions
- \checkmark $\ \ \, ...$ add, subtract and multiply fractions with different denominators
- ✓ …compare, read and write fractions as decimals and vice versa
- ...read, write, order and compare decimals
- ...recognise decimal place values and round to them
- ...multiply and divide decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000
- ✓ …recognise and use percentages
- \checkmark ...compare percentages to fractions and decimals.

Our Whole Class Texts are...

✓ Street Child by Berlie Doherty

As musicians we will...

✓ …use Charanga to perform pop ballads such as Make You Feel My Love by Adele

In D&T we will...

- ...using electrical components to create a circuit with a buzzer
- ...using our problem solving skills and applying our knowledge of materials and electrical circuits to create a working alarm
- ✓ …testing and checking our products

As geographers we will...

- …use maps to locate rivers in the UK, Europe and around the world
- …learn about the journey of a river, from source to mouth
- ...identify the features of rivers, such as tributaries, meanders and waterfalls
- ...critically analyse the impact of rivers as a life source
- ...discuss the economic benefits of rivers to civilisations

As historians we will...

- …research and discuss the changes in crimes and punishments throughout history
- …evaluate the impact of these punishments and discuss our feelings and opinions on them

As scientists we will...

- …recap the 3 states of matter and changes between them
- …identify, describe and compare materials and their properties
- …identify thermal and electrical conductors and insulators
- ✓ …investigate to identify materials that are soluble and insoluble in water
- ...follow instructions to separate mixtures
- …identify irreversible changes
- ...predict what will happen in material-based investigations
- …make observations through experimenting
- ✓ …observe chemical reactions
- …identify uses for materials based on their observed properties and link properties of materials to their uses in current everyday situations