

HOOK: Creating a River

OUTCOME: Performance Poetry
The River, Paradise Garden

RIVERS

Year 3: Summer 1

Rationale: Come on a journey from the source of a river to its mouth and see what happens along the way. Exploring the wonders of rivers, their importance as well as following the journey of water through its cycle.

TOPIC MATHS

Capacity – make cocktails to serve to parents at Work Viewing.

Computing – controlling a robot with angle of turn

LITERACY:

Quality Text – Paradise Garden

‘Dangle’ video clip

Outcome – Persuasive letter and figurative language poem.

Computing:

Kodu – programming to create a game.

SCIENCE:

Plants; children will learn to:

- Identify and describe the functions of different flowering parts.
- Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from the soil and room to grow)
- Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants
- Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination and seed formation.

GEOGRAPHY

The unit focuses on:

- Asking geographical questions
- Using appropriate geographical vocabulary
- Using atlases, maps, diagrams, aerial photographs, information books
- Carrying out practical activity and fieldwork investigations outside the classroom
- Presenting information and discussing issues

Overview:

- What is a river?
- If water is flowing down a river to the sea, why doesn't the river empty or run out of water? Learn about the Water Cycle.
- Key Qs: How are rivers formed? How do rivers grow? Where do rivers end? What are the features of rivers?
- Key Q: Why are rivers important?
- Finding out about the world's major rivers – facts, figures, flow...

ART:

Printing – creating a William Morris inspired wallpaper print.

PE and Games:

Athletics and Tennis

RE: Creation

PSHE: Focus on Feelings

MUSIC

Listen to Me – Hampshire Music Service
Charanga – Instrumental composition about flowing rivers.

OUTDOOR LEARNING/PERFORMANCE:

Creating a model river outside to show the features. Poetry recital – Poems written by the children and The River