

In English we will be focussing on:

- Writing to inform—Factual tour
- Writing to entertain—Poetry

We will be using the book *Once upon a raindrop* to help us construct our own factual tour of the water cycle.

We will also be writing a poem about a river following Valerie Bloom's *The River*.



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Our enquiry is:

**Why are Jungles so wet and
Deserts so dry?**

In maths we will be focussing on:

- Fractions - Hundredths will be introduced for the first time and equivalent and simplifying fractions will also be explored.
- Decimals— Writing, comparing, adding and subtracting decimals and understanding their place value.



In RE we will be focussing on:

Salvation— Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We will be investigating the Easter story and the sacrifice Jesus made for Christians.

In Science we will be focussing on:

States of Matter.

- Compare and group materials together.
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Other things we will be focussing on:

- Computing - Writing for different audiences.



During Geography we will be focussing on:

Why is climate different across the United Kingdom?
What are the world's climates?
How do climate graphs help geographers compare the climate of one place with another?
How does the climate affect the plants and animals living in a place?
Why is the jungle of the Amazon Rainforest so wet and humid?
Why is Arica the driest inhabited place on Earth?



In Music we will be focussing on:

- Play and perform in ensemble context, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Key vocabulary linked to year 4 spelling words:

Appear	Famous	Possess (ion)
Arrive	Increase	Remember
Business/Busy	Learn	Strength
Build	Material	Quarter

Ways you can help your child this term:

- Listen to them read every day.
- TT Rockstars and Lexia will be influential on helping children reach their end of year 4 targets— 10 minutes a day.
- Children could visit Sutton Pointz and see the water cycle in action as water lands on the hills and is collected in the stream.