

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families:

January 2026

Year 4

This half term our theme is...



Around the world in 30 days



Welcome to the new half-term. This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

During this half term, the children will be learning about the different biomes from all around the world. They will also be studying the states of matter and investigating their properties. For art, the children will be exploring the work of the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai and in PE, they will be participating in Netball and Dance sessions. PE day will continue to be on a Friday afternoon.

You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website:
<https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

As part of our art topic around Katsushika Hokusai, we will be visiting our wonderful river to sketch a river drawing which will then be printed.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of written English work, or a piece of maths work from the CGP homework books.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning of this theme. Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?

Things to do:

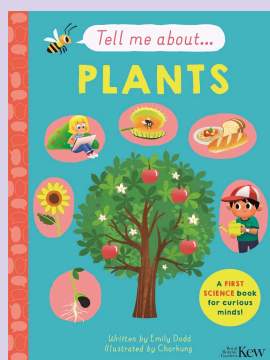
We would love for our children to find out more about light and shadows as well as the continents of the world.

BBC Bitesize - Science
[Changing states](#)

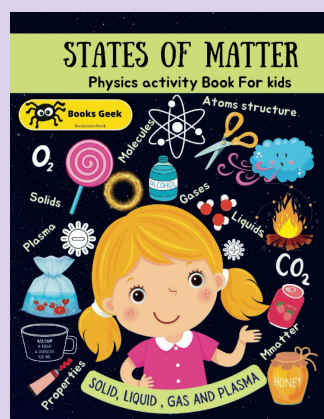
Do some research on one of the continents in the world and then create a fact file.

[Geography KS1/KS2: The World - BBC Teach](#)
[7 Continents Of The World | Facts For Kids | DK Find Out](#)

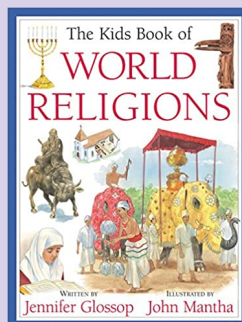
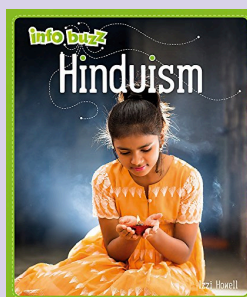
Books to read:



[Tell me about plants](#)



[States of matter](#)



[The Kids Book of World Religions Paperback – 1 Mar. 2013](#)

Things to watch:

Robert Falcon Scott (BBC Teach)
[Robert Falcon Scott](#)

The Runaway Iceberg (story)
[The Runaway Iceberg](#)

States of matter
[States of matter](#)

Seven Continents Song
[7 Continents Song](#)