Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: November 2026

Year 4

This half term our theme is...

Bright Sparks

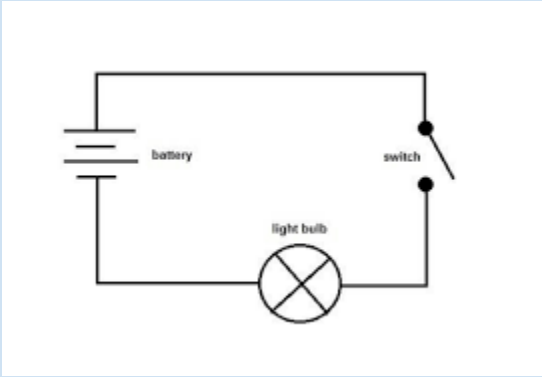


Welcome to the new half-term. This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters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

What are we learning during this theme?

During this half term, the children will be learning about the exciting topic of electricity and will be applying their knowledge of this to create their own Christmas cards as part of our D+T lessons. In Geography, they will be studying the countries of the world, being able to locate and learn about the key physical and human features of some particular countries. PE afternoon will continue to be on a Friday, where they will be taking part in yoga and OAA.

The children also have the Christmas productions to look forward to at the start of December, getting everyone into the Christmas spirit.



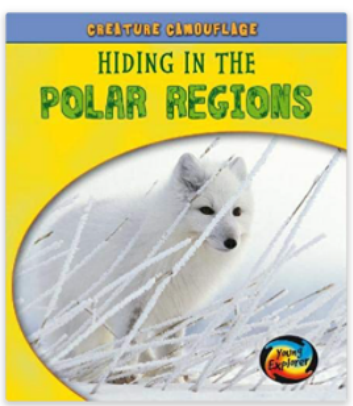
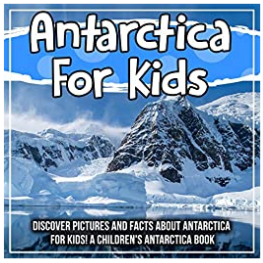
You can also find more information about our learning on our medium term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website: https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/

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:	Books to read:	Things to watch:
We would love for our children to find out more about electricity. The Science Museum in London has a number of exhibits that relate to the topic of electricity. Home Learning ideas: Electricity- Go on a hunt around your house. How many things can you find that require electricity to work?	   Electricity for kids	What is electricity? - STEM Kids What is electricity? | STEM kids What is electricity? - Science for Kids - Episode 1 What is electricity? - Science for Kids - Episode 1 A walk in the Arctic A Walk in the Arctic for Kids | Educational Video for Early Learners Life in the Polar regions Life in the Polar regions | BBC Teach