



# Hawthorn Class

## Enriching Learning

### Spring Term 2024-25

### Raging Rivers & Europe



## Maths

[www.mathletics.com/signin](http://www.mathletics.com/signin)

### *Mathletics offers:*

- \*Live Mathletics – Practise mental Maths skills by competing against members of your class or children from around the world.
- \*Activities - Pick an area of Maths that you would like to improve in. Choosing the topic that the class is currently studying would be a great idea. Can you turn the topic bar gold?
- \*Skill Quests – Can you apply your knowledge to a wider range of questions?
- \*Meritopia – These special set of games can only be accessed when you have earned enough points! Can you open the door to Meritopia?

<https://trockstars.com/>

### *Times Tables Rock Stars offers:*

- \*Single player games - Use these to increase your speed, accuracy and confidence.
- \*Multiplayer games - Take on your friends, people around the world or even your teachers!
- \*Tournaments - Look out for various battles against other classes throughout the term!

Other useful websites for Maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

## Reading

This term, we expect you to read for **at least 20 minutes for a minimum of three sessions per week**. Make sure that you record these sessions in your reading diaries so that, when you reach a reading record milestone, you can be entered into the Reading Raffle. Diaries will be checked every **Friday**.



Spelling sheets will be given to you every **Thursday**. These spelling patterns will then be tested on the following **Thursday**.

## Geography Focus

The following links will help you to develop your understanding of our topic this term.

[Facts about Rivers for Kids \(primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk\)](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)

[Explore rivers - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Rivers - BBC Teach](#)

### **Maths Activities**

- Research the lengths of a number of famous rivers. Create a bar chart to compare the rivers lengths.
- Research a famous dish to make from a country in Europe. Measure out all of the ingredients using scales.
- Compare money between the UK and another country in Europe. Are there any differences or similarities?
- Write 10 word problems themed around rivers or Europe. Can you include questions that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division?

### **English Activities:**

- Write an acrostic poem using the word 'Europe'. Can you link each letter to a fact about Europe?
- Research and write 10 facts about Europe. How could you present them so they are interesting?
- Write a letter to David Attenborough explaining why rivers are important - e.g. what do they provide for animals.
- Write a newspaper article about a famous river in the world.
- Read a story or non-fiction text about rivers. Write a short review about the text you have read.
- Use a dictionary to find out the meanings of some key terminology used when talking about rivers. Create a glossary of these words in your book. Examples of key terminology: estuary, flooding, floodplain, mouth, meander, spring, rapids, source, valley, waterfall.

### **Topic Activities:**

- Visit a local river - share some pictures in your book. What did you notice about the river? What was the flow of water like? How deep do you think the river is? What do you think lives in this river?
- Create a 3D model of a river.
- Create a piece of art based on a river - e.g. a collage.
- Research the journey of a river and create a
- Research the different features of a river and create an annotated diagram.
- Locate some famous rivers on a map.
- Make up a quiz all about Europe.
- Create a fact file or poster about your favourite country in Europe - what foods do they eat, what their country's flag is like, what language do they speak.
- Have a go at learning some words in a new European language.
- Create a set of top trunks for some of the countries in Europe. You could include things like their population, land area, literacy rate.

The above is a suggested list of ideas. If you would like to carry out your own project, we would be excited to see it.

Homework should be handed in every Wednesday.