



## Breckon Hill Primary School Y4 Newsletter



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### Spring



#### Message from the staff

Welcome back to school for the spring term. We hope you had a lovely break and hope you have all had a positive start to 2024. This term we have been learning all about Rivers and Mountains which the children have really enjoyed so far. Also, this half term, you will be invited to the year 4 performance. Any questions, please speak to us at home time on the yard or contact the office who will be happy to help.

The Year 4 Staff Team

#### Learning Topic

This term we will be learning more about rivers. We will be locating the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

We will also be looking closer at our own country by locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics.

Reading books – Please continue to read with your child or encourage them to read each night. Thank you for reminding them that they need their book in school every day.

**How parents can help** Year 4 children also need to learn their multiplication tables off by heart and will be taking the national Time Tables Check in June - The times Table Rock-stars App can really help children become confident with their times tables.

Should you need any support, please do not hesitate to ask.

#### Key Vocabulary

##### Water Cycle:

**Precipitation:** water falls to the earth's surface (hail, sleet, rain, snow)

**Accumulation:** the water pools (oceans, seas and lakes)

**Evaporation:** heat from the sun causes water to change from a liquid to a gas.

**Condensation:** water vapour is changed into water droplets (forms clouds)

**Oxbow lake:** a lake, or area of water, in a U-shape

**Meander:** a bend in a river

**Summit:** the highest point of a mountain

**Source:** Where a river starts

**Mouth:** Where a river begins

