

RE

As part of a whole school RE focus during the first two weeks of term, the children will be learning about the Gospels in the Christian bible. They will be answering the question: **what kind of world did Jesus want?** In order to answer this, the children will understand what Christians learn from the stories about Jesus. Next, they will consider the qualities needed for a church leader and how Christians try to show love.

Science

The children will understand the vocabulary linked to food chains and what it means to be a predator. They will also learn about the different teeth found in different animals and understand that different have different purposes.

Geography

As part of our project we will be looking at the journey of a river. We will begin by exploring the water cycle and then link this is the journey of a river. We will learn how rivers are formed, how rivers change and where rivers end. The river we will focus on will be the river Thames. As part of our river study will be walking along the River Cherwell and describing human and physical features.

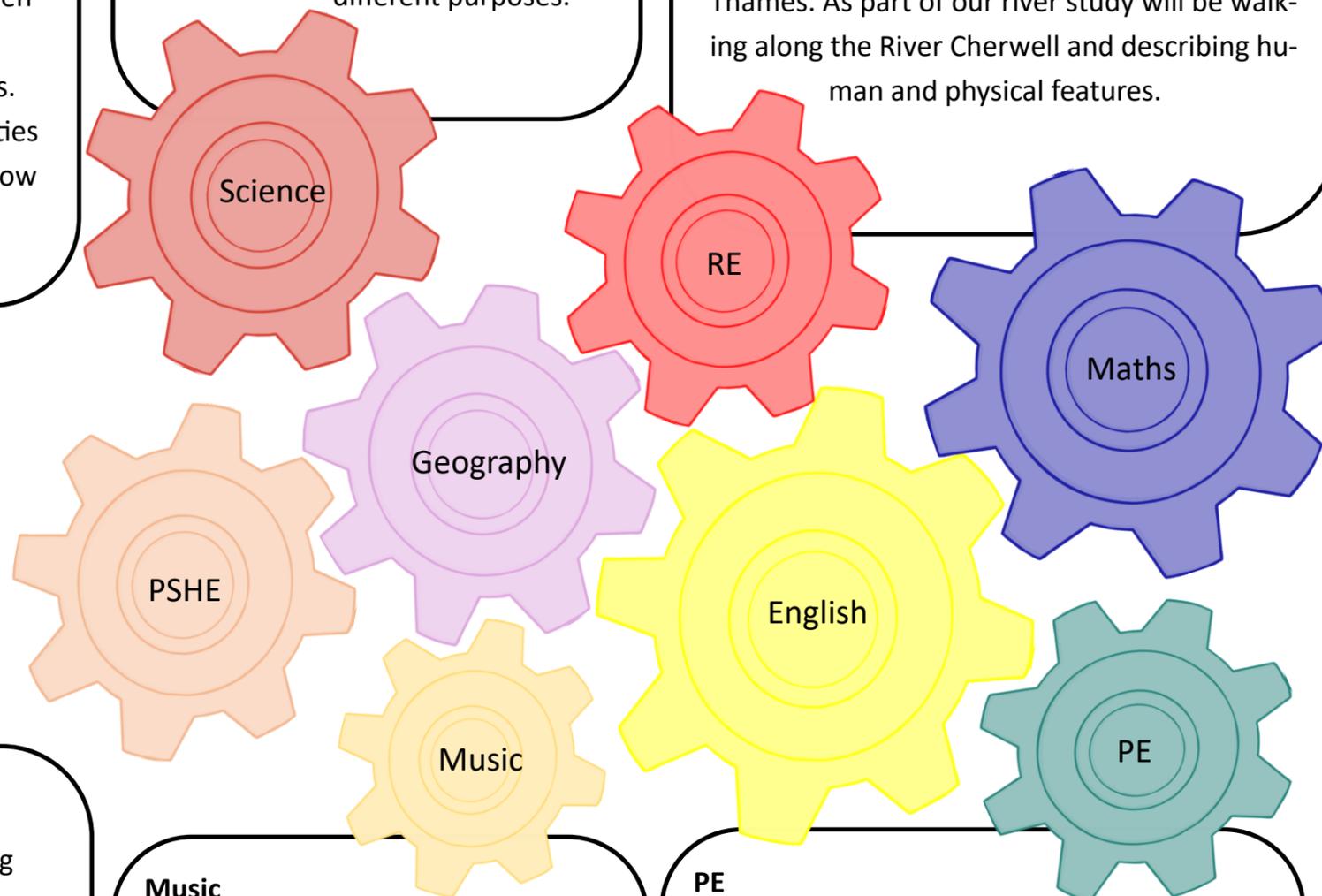
Maths

We will begin the term by looking at number and place value. We will recap the place value of each digit in a four-digit number and then develop our understanding of decimals. Next, we will move onto addition and subtraction with a focus on problem solving, missing number problems and reasoning. Finally, we will end the term by exploring multiplication and division. We will consider how to solve a calculation using what we know before building on the formal method for multiplication that we learnt in autumn. Throughout the term we will continue to work on our knowledge of the timetables.

Year 4

Our topic is...

River deep, Mountain High



PSHE

Our theme for this term is 'Valuing difference'. The children will be learning to recognise and respect diversity. This includes considering differences within their community. The children will also learn to talk about ways we show tolerance and respectfulness within our school and be able to give examples.

Music

This term, the children will get to learn how to play a brass instrument. This will include understanding how the instrument works and how to play the notes on the instrument. They will also learn how to read music.

PE

We are all really excited to begin our swimming lessons in school this term. The children will begin by learning basic pool safety and then they will develop their technique in the water. For their second session, the children will be doing dance which will build on their learning from gymnastics.

English

To link in with our RE focus in the first two weeks, the children will be writing a persuasive letter. Through this, they will consider their use of tenses and build on their understanding of how to use fronted adverbials. Next, as part of our geography topic, the children will be writing their own explanation text about a river. Through this, they will learn how to organise their ideas around a theme and consider how to use conjunctions to add detail. Finally, they will use the river as inspiration to write their own poems. As well as using rich and varied vocabulary, the children will have a chance to recap expanded noun phrases.