



Year 4 - Summer One 2026



Value of the half term: Courage

As **Readers:** We will be reading and inferring from a new text called 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. In it, a girl called Chaya goes on a turbulent journey through the jungle with an elephant and some loyal friends in order to escape capture by the King's guard and hopefully return a hero. It is an action packed book and involves more than a few cliff-hanger moments!

As **Writers:** We will be exploring explanation texts about how chocolate is made and how to look after an elephant. Then we will be writing our own explanations about a pet of our choice, using the research undertaken for homework. Towards the end of this half term, we will be applying all the different writing skills we have been developing this year within a piece of narrative writing.

As **Geographers:** We will be investigating the question, 'What are rivers and how are they used?' Within the lessons, we will be locating rivers on a range of maps and identifying the countries they flow through; as well as understanding how rivers are formed, their main uses and how they are used. We will also be going on an exciting trip to the River Tillingbourne to immerse ourselves in what we have learnt.

As **Scientists:** We will be looking at the different states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and exploring the properties of each through a range of exciting experiments. We will also investigate the water cycle and why it is so important.

As **Designers:** We will be planning and creating our own pavilions, focusing on various design factors to ensure our structure is strong, stable and aesthetically pleasing.

Growing together

Opportunities for all

Learning for life

Daring to dream

