

Tuesday 23rd February

Learning Objectives:

The Raft- consider the character and make predictions.	Fractions - Compare fractions	Topic: The Mississippi River - National Park
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English

Today we are going to continue reading 'The Raft'.

Read through or listen to me read pages 2 and 3 over on the video blog.

Now complete the vocabulary and prediction sheet.

Maths

Spend 10-15 minutes practising your times tables using TTRockstars or the practise sheets on the website.

Today we are going to learn how to compare fractions.

I have put two videos on the video blog.

The first explains how to compare fractions with the same or common denominator - watch this one to complete the Green and Orange sheets.

The second video explains how to compare fractions that do not have a common denominator - watch this one to complete Red and Blue sheets (more suitable for year 5 that have some knowledge of decimals).

For more guidance I have also put a PowerPoint on the website.

Now have a go at one or two of the sheets: Green, Orange, Red and Blue.

Topic

Today we are going to continue learning about the Mississippi River.

The Mississippi River is part of the Mississippi River National Park, just like Buriton is part of the South Downs National Park in England.

The National Park Service in USA is charged with preserving the ecological and historical integrity of the places entrusted to its management while also making them available and accessible for public use and enjoyment. It is a bit like the National Trust, RSPB, Forestry Commission and English Heritage all rolled into one.



This is the NPS logo.

What can you see?

Why do you think this shape was chosen?

A 72 mile stretch of the river known as the National River and Recreation area Minnesota is a protected area which was heavily polluted during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Some parts of the river were completely dead - with almost no oxygen in the water for plants and fish.

Thankfully this pollution has been undone and nature has returned to the area.

Head over to the website to learn more about this part of the river and the National Park.

<https://www.nps.gov/miss/index.htm>

Task:

Choose one of the following:

1. Produce a poster to promote the National River and Recreation Area.  
Think about:
  - The wildlife you would see.
  - Places to go.
  - Things to do.
2. Choose one state that the river runs through and research that state.
3. Choose an animal or bird that is found on the river and sketch it.
4. Produce a 'Mississippi River Fact Sheet'.