

**Littera Public school**

**English**

**class – 3**

**Chapter – 4**

**The River Bank**

**Learning Outcomes :-**

- Comprehend the extract and read it aloud with fluency and expression.
- Learn new words and their meanings.
- Draw from personal experiences or real life situations.
- Learn the use of subject and Predicate.

**About the author :-**

Kenneth Grahame was a Scottish writer famous for his work , “The Wind in the Willows”. He was born in Edinburgh , Scotland. He spent most of his childhood living with his siblings and his grandmother.

**Hard Words :-**

cleaning

splashes

penetrating

flung

steep

scraped

scratched

Scrabbled

Snout

meadow

delighted

trotted

exciting

fascinated

dreamily

gazed

whiskers

lightly

stepped

smartly

gingerly  
stern  
shoved  
believe  
corrected  
background  
weasels  
stoats  
beyond  
smoke  
towns  
sense

**Word meanings :-**

1. splashes :- drops of any liquid
2. penetrating :- coming through
3. scraped :- cleaned by rubbing with something sharp
4. steep :- rising ; slope
5. scabbled :- moved hands and feet about quickly
6. trotted :- moved with fast bouncy steps
7. fascinated :- charmed
8. gingerly :- carefully
9. stern :- the back part of a ship
10. weasels :- small wild animals with reddish – brown fur

**Theme of the story :-**

The story opens during spring time , while Mole is conducting his annual spring cleaning around his underground , burrow home. Suddenly he is struck by a feeling of discontent, and immediately tunnels his way out of the earth and up into the middle of a field. Hearing the birds chirp and feeling the sunshine on his fur, he realize that he has spent too much time underground , especially during this recent good weather. He decided to explore his surrounding and soon arrives at s hedge. He keeps travelling farther and farther away from home across meadows and fields until he finally reaches a wide river. Mole has never seen a river before and is awe-struck by its depth and beauty. Something on the opposite river bank catches Mole’s eye, and he discerns a small hole just above the waterline. He wonders about living in that hole, but then water Rat pops out. Being a friendly animal, Rat brings his personal rowboat to Mole and invited him for a Picnic on the river.

