

English

Chosen Texts

Running Wild By Michael Morpurgo
The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth
by Rachel Ignotofsky

We will begin by planning and writing our own narrative, with a focus on developing characters and settings. Later in the term, we will focus on persuasive writing linked to our learning in other subjects. Throughout the term, we will build our growing repertoire of rich vocabulary by selecting appropriate vocabulary from planning and understanding how choices can change and enhance meaning. We will continue to develop proof reading skills and in our own and others' writing, propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the appropriate choice of pronoun. Whole-class Guided Reading will encourage the children to discuss and respond to questions about texts as well as justify their ideas. To further support writing we will be looking at spelling rules which link to the spellings shared on google classroom.

PSHE - SCARF

This term we will be using the SCARF resources to support our learning. We will be thinking about how to keep safe, make good choices and identifying risks. We will think about how we can be influenced by others and the positive/negative impacts of this. We will discuss the importance of safety especially thinking about medicines.

RE

This term we will learn about the key aspects of the Judaism faith. We will look at the origins of this faith as well as traditions and rituals, understanding why these are important and how they are performed by Jewish people.

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Science

We will further develop our understanding of keys, using them to identify animals from a range of habitats. We will also construct keys, learning to ask yes/no questions about characteristic differences between animals. When working scientifically, we will make detailed observations and learn which features are useful for identification and classification. We will develop our understanding of food chains and what happens if food chains are broken.

Next half term, we will look at the characteristic properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Using first-hand experience and secondary sources, we will learn about changes of state and begin to understand freezing and boiling points as identifying characteristics of a material. We will learn the names of some common gases. We will have the opportunity to explore the expansion of liquids and gases when they are heated. We will also learn about the water cycle.

Geography

This term we will investigate biomes. A biome is a naturally occurring community of living organisms of a single major ecological region. Plants and animals will typically share characteristics that they have adapted to aid their survival in that region and habitat. We will look in closer detail at deserts including the sahara and tundra. We will learn about the climate, soil type, animals and plants found in the main biomes. Later in the term we will explore the water cycle and its continuous journey to water from oceans and lakes, to clouds, to rain, to rivers and back to oceans and lakes.

Mathematics –

Multiplication & Division

Measurement and Length

Fractions

On Fridays, we will have weekly times table quizzes to monitor our progress with learning our times tables these follow the same format as the children can expect in the government end of year 4 test. At home, you can access TTRS to practice and develop multiplication and division fluency.

Computing

This half term we will learn about the basic principles and techniques of simple animation. Beginning with the history of animation, we will find out about some of the early animation techniques used before the use of computers. We will use animation software to incorporate the different techniques into our own animations.

PE

In dance, we will focus on creating characters and narrative through movement and gesture. We will gain inspiration from a range of stimuli, working individually, in pairs and small groups. In dance as a whole, we will think about how to use movement to explore and communicate ideas and issues, and our own feelings and thoughts. We will develop confidence in performing and will be given the opportunity to provide feedback and utilise feedback to improve our own work.

During hockey sessions, we will learn to contribute to the game by helping to keep possession of the ball, use simple attacking tactics using sending, receiving, and dribbling a ball. We will start by playing uneven and then move onto even sided games. We will begin to think about defending and winning the ball. We will be encouraged to think about how to use skills, strategies, and tactics to outwit the opposition. We will think about the importance of playing fairly and keeping to the rules. We will be encouraged to be a supportive teammate and identify why this behaviour is important.

We will learn how to play rounders. When fielding, we will learn how to play in different fielding roles. We will focus on developing our throwing, catching and batting skills.

Design Technology

This term we will make our own stuffed toy based on a chosen animal. We will discuss a prototype in order to adapt the design. We will investigate the best materials to use and design a template. We will need to cut the fabric accurately and use stuffing for filling before creating a seam.

French

We will learn numbers 20-31 and the months of the year. We will explore and find out more about the main festivals and celebrations in France.

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Music

We will further develop our skills of reading and writing correct notation. We will explore the importance of time signatures within a piece of music and understand how they impact the beats within a bar. We will learn the key vocabulary, minim, crotchet, crotchet rest and paired quavers.

Art

We will be creating our own Fauvist style rainforest and desert scenes. We will identify similarities and difference in a range of artworks by artists such as Henri Matisse and Melanie Hava.

Spelling

This term we will learn further key spelling and the following key spelling rules:

The /g/ sound spelt 'gu'

Words with endings sounding like /tʃə/ spelt '-ture'

Possessive apostrophe with plurals

Homophones (scene/seen, mail/male, bawl/ball)

Prefixes 'anti-' and 'inter-'

Endings that sound like /ʃən/ spelt '-cian', '-sion', '-tion' and '-ssion'

