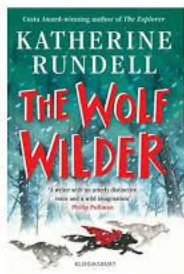


What am I learning about this half term?

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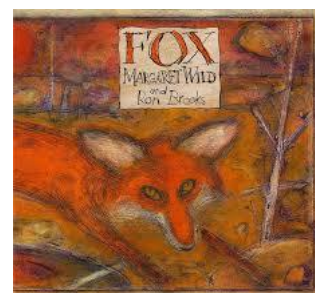


This half term we will be reading 'The Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell. The children will be putting their prediction skills to the test and investigating what a 'Wolf Wilder' is. They will explore the skills that they think a 'Wolf Wilder' would require and then create their own job description!

Writing

PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THE CHILDREN FOR NOW!

I am very excited to reveal that Year 4 will be looking at 'The Fox' by Margaret Wild in our writing sessions! The children will learn about the importance of making meaningful vocabulary choices and will consolidate their



knowledge of punctuating speech. They will use their insight into the characters to demonstrate the different personalities and perspectives, through dialogue. This will showcase their deeper understanding of the characters.

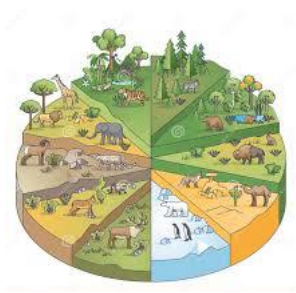
Maths

We are beginning our Autumn Terms Maths, by exploring Place Value and Number. The children will use their understanding of place value to represent numbers up to ten thousand. The children will be using a range of representations, including number lines, counters, part-whole models, and place value charts. We will also be applying our learning to a range of problem solving and reasoning activities.

Place Value Chart

Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones

Science



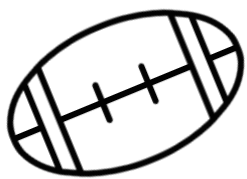
We are delving into the classification of living things, within our 'Living things and their habitats' unit, in Science. We will be looking at how vertebrates and invertebrates can be further classified. We will also be exploring our own local environment and the wildlife that we can discover in different habitats. We will ask the question, 'Why are environmental and climate changes important?', and explore the impact of these changes upon living things.

Religious Education

In our Christianity unit, 'Creation and Fall' we will be learning all about the story of Genesis and what this teaches us about God. We will then make links between what Christians believe about the Bible and the importance of caring for the world that God created. This will lead into exploring 'the fall' and the 10 Commandments.



Physical Education



In our PE lessons this half term, the children are going to focus on hockey and tag rugby. Children will work on building their fundamental skills in balance, speed, agility, hand-eye coordination and teamwork. We will also continue to support the children to understand what components contribute to a healthy lifestyle, and to become physically confident and competent. The skills that the children will develop link to our school values, particularly that of 'respect', as children learn to work effectively as a team member and to be gracious in defeat!

Art

Our Art unit this half term is all about sculpture and clay forms. We will take inspiration from Greek mythology represented on traditional Greek vases. The children will discover how vases have changed over time and compare them with those of today, as well as researching and understanding the different tools and techniques used to work with clay successfully. They will have an opportunity to create a clay vase and decorate it in an Ancient Greek style.



Music



This half term, we are developing our musical skills through ABBA's Mamma Mia! We will be following the Charanga scheme, learning to listen and appraise music, improvise, and compose using up to 5 notes! Then our 'Super Trouper's' will contribute meaningfully to the final group performance and composition!

Geography

We are exploring Europe, this term! By the end of the unit, children will be able to locate the different European countries and name the main regions of Europe, exploring the cultural differences between countries, including the languages spoken and the food eaten there. We will also be looking at climate change and the impact of this on our world. The children will learn about the physical process of climate change and the main causes. They will then investigate the effect of this upon living things.



History



We are stepping back in time this month to visit the Ancient Greek civilisation. Children will develop their chronological knowledge from previous years and enhance their

understanding of how Ancient Greece has impacted life today, including modern politics. The children will also be focusing on the Trojan War, Greek mythology and will be comparing Ancient Greece to Ancient Egypt!

Design Technology

In our Design and Technology Week this Autumn, children will be using their knowledge of electrical circuits to create a little surprise for everyone at home...



PSHE

We begin our year as we always do, exploring 'Being Me in My World'. We will initially focus on becoming a class 'team' and will discuss how to be a model school citizen. We will explore rights, responsibilities and democracy and will examine the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).



Computing

This Autumn, the children will be learning about computer systems and networks. They will develop their understanding of networks and the need for these to be kept secure. Children will have the opportunity to safely explore the World Wide Web to aid their understanding about who owns content, and what they can access, add and create. To conclude the unit, children will evaluate the honesty, accuracy and reliability of the internet.

