

ENGLISH: Our writing lessons this term will be based around 'The Island of the Blue Dolphin' by Scott O'Dell. During our study of the text children will explore how authors use language for effect, they will learn about descriptive devices and how use them, discuss synonyms and antonyms, develop their spelling techniques when applying suffixes, learn about modal verbs and relative clauses. Finally, they will plan and write a narrative using all of the skills learnt.

In Guided reading we will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundel. The Explorer is the enthralling story of a group of children who find themselves thrown together in a survival situation after their plane crashes in the Amazon. They develop routines and gradually adjust to their new life when they realise they are not alone and that someone was exploring before them. How will they navigate their way through this vast and unknown territory to safety? They will need all the teamwork, determination and courage they can muster to survive...plus a little help from a 'friend'.

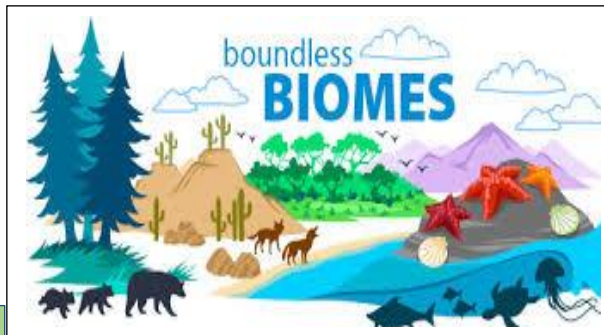
PSHE: Children will study the My Happy Mind unit 'Meet your brain'.

FRENCH: They will learn to express their emotions and to talk about the future, using two different tenses. An old favourite story provides a fun background for some of the grammar work.

SCIENCE: This term children will study 'Rocks and Soils'. children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

Geography: This term we will study the earth's biomes, ecosystems and climate. Children will learn why these biomes are so important to all life on earth. They will create a Biome in a Bag and a DIY 'Eden Project' with its own mini guide or poster, based on their research using maps, globes, websites and a visit to a manmade biome.

Boundless Biomes



MATHS:

Year 5 – Will begin the term by looking at place value in numbers with up to 5 digits. They will compare this numbers and order them on a number line. They will then move on to decimal numbers; where they will learn the value of each digit, learn to order decimal numbers, compare them and round them. They will have a geometry unit on properties of shape and then finish the term with working with formal methods for addition and subtraction.

Year 6 – will begin the term by looking at place value in numbers with up to 7 digits. They will compare numbers up to 10,000,000 and order these numbers on a number line. They will Round whole numbers to different degrees of accuracy. They will then move on to working with decimal numbers; identifying the value of digits and multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. We will end the term by delving in to multiplication and division.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This term will teach your children about key aspects of the Jewish faith. They will work creatively to enhance their learning experience. They will find out where Judiasm originated, about special places linked to Judaism and about key festivals in Jewish life. The children will also learn about symbols in Judaism, the Jewish holy book and the main beliefs held by Jews

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: On Tuesdays we will be swimming at Freedom Leisure in Lydney and on Thursdays netball and football with Mr Knight (outdoor kit needed).

MUSIC: This term our lessons will focus around the Charanga unit: Mamma Mia.