



### Reading

We will be reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo and focusing on the following areas:

- Predicting
- Inferring
- Linking
- Summarising
- Imagining
- Understanding purpose and viewpoint

### How You Can Help Your Child in Reading

- Listen to your child read 4 times a week and complete their reading diary - aim for 10-20 minutes a day
- Encourage your child to still read aloud even if you feel they are a confident reader
- Discuss different genres of books: 'Have you read anything like this before?'
- Discuss the story together: "What happened first?" Or "How do you think the character feels?"
- Focus on inference and deeper thinking.
- Who clues tell you about how the character is feeling?
- What do you think the author wants us to think about this character or event?
- Why do you think the author chose that word or phrase?
- If you could change part of the story what would you change?
- If you could ask the author a question what would you ask?

### Writing

This half term we will be focusing on the following key areas:

- Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (eg -ate; ise, ify)
- Developing characters and settings
- Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
- Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs (eg perhaps, surely) or modal verbs ( eg might, should, will, must)
- Using commas for clarification

### How You Can Help Your Child in Writing

- Encourage your child to tell you what they did at school speaking in the past tense.
- Encourage your child to speak in a full sentence - this helps when writing sentences
- Practise tricky words - identify common 'tricky' words (words that don't follow phonetic rules) and practice them regularly. Flashcards or online games can be helpful.
- Play fun with spelling games like Scrabble, Boggle, or online spelling quizzes.
- Encourage children to find synonyms for common words
- Get them to describe something using similes or metaphors and expanded noun phrases
- Watch a documentary which could link directly to our writing focus. We are looking at David Attenborough and then writing an Educational Television Show

**Maths**

This half term, we will be focusing on the following key areas:

- Multiplying a 4 digit number by a 1 digit number
- Multiplying a 2, 3 or 4 digit number by a 2 digit number
- Solving multiplication problems
- Using short division methods
- Dividing a 4 digit number by a 1 digit number
- Division with remainders
- Multiplying fractions by integers
- Calculating the fraction of an amount
- Understanding numbers up to 2 decimal places
- Finding equivalent fractions and decimals

**How You Can Help Your Child in Maths**

- Encourage children to complete Sumdog homework which will relate to learning in class
- Ask them to show you how they were taught to solve questions in maths
- Practise times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  using TTRS to assist.
- Practice the corresponding division facts for the times tables (eg: "72 divided by 8 is equal to 9")
- In addition, get them to chant times tables during the day
- Get your child to explain thinking by asking "How did you work that out?"
- When discussing fractions, refer to the tenths and hundredths separately (eg: 7.41 is seven point four one, not seven point forty-one)
- If given the opportunity, discuss fractions in a real-life setting, for example: cutting up a cake