



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 x 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