

# Year 4

## St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

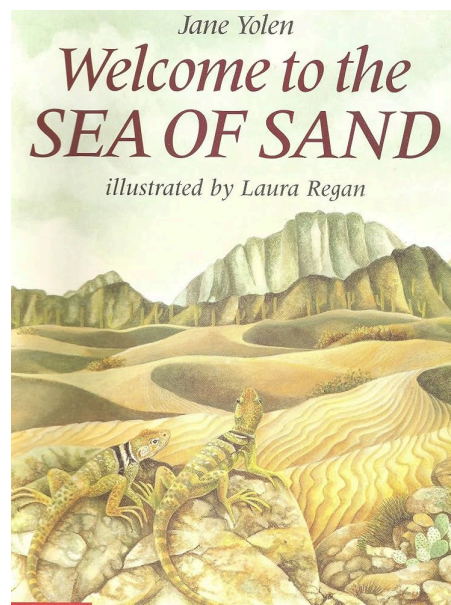
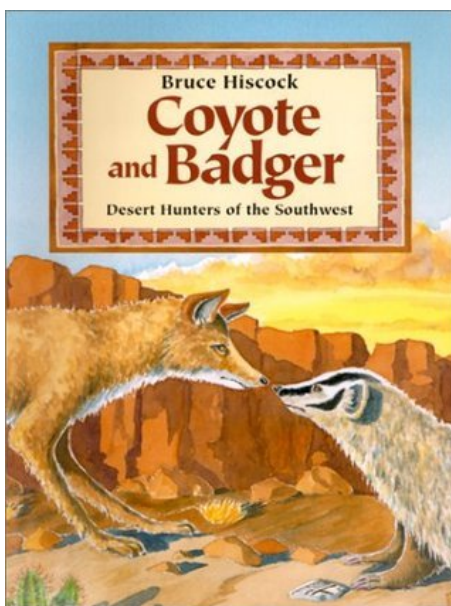
*'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'*



### Spring 2 - Learning Overview

#### The Hook

Otter class watched a video of the story being read to them and explored the different characters' thoughts and emotions.



**Learning journey 1: Coyote and Badger**

**Learning journey 2: Welcome to the Sea of Sand**

#### What we will be teaching:

##### English:

Learning journey 1: Year 4 will start this half term focusing on writing a diary entry from the point of view of either the badger or the coyote. They will practise further their use of fronted adverbials and language for effect to portray different emotions whilst exploring the different structures of a diary, ensuring that the events are written in chronological order.

Learning journey 2: Otter class will be writing poetry and using different examples of figurative language and rich vocabulary by using expanded noun phrases about our topic: deserts.

##### Maths:

The children will be recapping knowledge on Time continuously building on their confidence with reading time to the nearest minute and counting forwards and backwards in time. The children will also be focusing on Multiplication this half term, learning how to multiply 3 numbers together and using the grid method to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers in preparation to using the formal method in the Summer term. Finally, the children will also be recapping Fractions and Addition and Subtraction, practising finding fractions of amounts and using the formal method when adding and subtracting.

##### History/Geography:

##### Deserts

Otter class will be looking at deserts as part of our Geography learning journey and comparing its biome with others we have already learnt this year. We will also focus on how animals and plants have adapted

to live in those types of conditions.

**Science:**

**Sound:** year 4 will be learning about Sound and the different parts of our ear. They will be thinking about how sound travels through different types of states of matter and how different animals use hearing in different ways.

**Music:**

**You are Special:** the children are very excited to put on their show with Year 3 at the end of this half term. They will be learning different sounds and dance moves to put on a fantastic show for you to enjoy at the end of the half term.

**RE:**

Salvation: Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

**Computing:**

Data Logging by interpreting and answering questions about different types of data.

**PE:**

Outdoor: **Tennis**

Indoor: **Dance**

**Art:**

Year 4 will be focusing on collage this half term to produce a final outcome of a desert scenery. We will work on laying the paper to create depth and being purposeful with our placements and colour choices.

**Messages to parents:**

Hope everyone had an enjoyable half term and are ready to start Spring 2! I am looking forward to working towards the Year 3 and 4 Easter show and hopefully you are available to come and watch them at the end of the half term. Dates for the show are: **Tuesday @9:20am** and **Wednesday @2:15pm**.

P.E days are still the same: **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure children are wearing their correct P.E kit and have a coat, particularly on a Tuesday as we will be outside.

Library days are **Thursday**. Please make the children return any overdue books.

I would also like to remind parents again that in June the children will be completing their Multiplication Times Table Check and if you could continue practising at home to support this I would appreciate it. The children have made a huge amount of progress so far this academic year and I am proud of how hard they have worked in order to be successful.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

**The Year 4 Team**