

Year 4

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

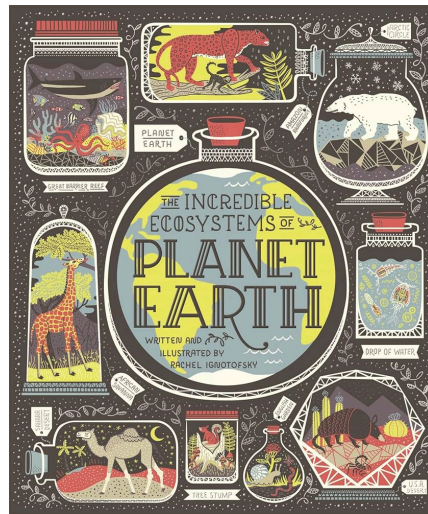
'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



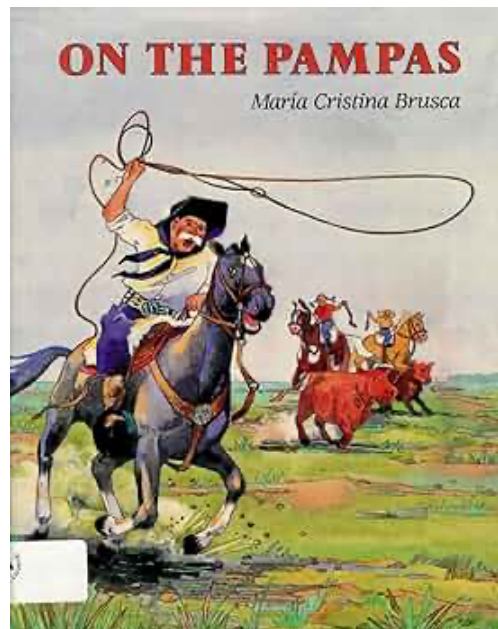
Summer 2 - Learning Overview

The Hook

Pages and pages around the room! The children have had the chance to read about different ecosystems from around the world!



What are these unusual items in the classroom? Rope, horse shoe, cowboy hat? What is the story to be told here?



Learning journey 1: The incredible ecosystem of Planet Earth

Learning journey 2: On the Pampas

What we will be teaching:

English:

Learning journey 1: Year 4 will be writing poems at the start of this half term, focusing on 2 or 3 ecosystems of their choice. They will be focusing on using skills such as figurative language, cohesion between stanzas and using rich and varied vocabulary to support the reader's imagination.

Learning journey 2: Otter's final English learning journey will be writing a short narrative about the Pampas, a South American grassland found in Argentina. They will be applying and enhancing previous taught skills of direct speech, variety of sentence starters and different sentence types to create fluency and pace within their writing.

Maths:

The children will be completing their Multiplication Times Table check during the first 2 weeks of the half term. They will also be reconsolidating their knowledge to using formal methods for multiplication and division to improve their efficiency when solving sums. In addition, Otters class will also be recapping their knowledge on: fractions by finding different equivalent fractions and fractions of different whole amounts; shape and understanding and identifying the properties of quadrilaterals and triangles; and statistics by interpreting the data and answering questions.

History/Geography:

South America

Year 4 will be studying South America, mainly focusing on Brazil and the similarities and differences between their way of life, culture, and their geographical location. They will be developing their geography skills of mapping out different regions and areas of Brazil, while also looking at different physical and human features between Brazil and Winchester.

Science:

Living things: Otters will be learning and recapping about different living things on our planet. We will be discussing what animals are vertebrates and invertebrates and what are the differences between an endoskeleton and an exoskeleton. We will finally be diving deeper into classification of animals, amphibians, birds, mammals etc and study their life cycles and how they are similar and different to each other.

Music:

Recorders: children will be recapping playing the notes A, B and G on the recorder whilst also applying these skills to playing different songs and notes such as a crochet, semibreves and quavers.

RE:

Ritual: Sukkot

Year 4 will be continuing learning about Judaism and how and why the Jewish religion celebrates Sukkot and what rituals they do during that time. They will think about how rituals impact people and their communities and compare them to their own rituals they do in their own lives.

Computing:

Computer programming (Scratch): The children will be exploring and learning different ways to create a repeated command on a computer program in order to apply to a game they have created.

PE:

Outdoor: **Rounders**

Outdoor: **Track Athletics**

Art:

The children will be producing a monoprint based on the book 'The incredible ecosystems of planet Earth' which they have focused on during one of their English journeys. Otter class will be creating a design of an ecosystem and think about using simple designs to create a print.

PDL:

Year 4 will be learning about Growing and Changing as part of their learning this half term. They will mainly focus on how their bodies change during puberty and how we can understand our emotions during this time.

Messages to parents:

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe break. I can't believe that this is their last half term before they move up to Year 5. I hope they enjoy their last few weeks in Year 4 as Otters.

Recorders:

Year 4 will be using their recorders for their music lessons this half term every Wednesday afternoon. I would like to remind you that for hygiene reasons, every child needs their own (clearly named) recorder. If you need to purchase a new one, these can be bought through the school office for £4.50.

Homework:

Otter class will still continue to receive their reading comprehension every 2 weeks this half term. The children will receive a home learning task on a Monday and this must be completed at home, not at school. The task will focus on reading - children will read a short text and answer questions based on what they have read. They will have one week to complete the activity, and it should be handed in the following Monday for checking. The children will also still be expected to complete their reading diaries, times table books and spellings as usual.

Year 4 Statutory Timestable Test (MTC)

On a personal note, we would like to thank all of the families of Otter class and your support towards the **Multiplication Tables Check**. They have made a huge amount of progress this year and we are so proud of their resilience and hard work to ensure they are successful with their learning. They will be completing their times table check in the first 2 weeks of the half term - some have done theirs already. If your child is absent we can make arrangements for them to still complete this check on return. Please continue practising at home to support your child's confidence and fluency - your help makes a real difference as does knowing times tables as it supports children's wider learning of maths considerably.

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