

ENGLISH

Year 5

Persuasive Writing:

Inspired by *The Tin Forest* by Helen Wood & Wayne Anderson, children explore and debate environmental issues, including recycling. They will write a persuasive letter and short story.

Tales from Other Cultures:

Children use stories from *The Arabian Nights* and the *Tales of Nasrettin Hoca* to rewrite traditional tales from a different point of view and create their own tale.

Grammar and Punctuation Focus:

Modal verbs, emotive language; expanded noun phrases; apostrophes; formal and informal language, dialogue and the subjunctive form.

Year 4

This term in English we are looking at Myths and Legends beginning with tales of Mermaids. This will culminate in writing our own version of a myth but along the way we will be focussing on punctuating direct speech and present perfect tense.

Following on from that we will be looking at non-chronological reports using the wildlife around Britain as the focus. We will write an urban wildlife spotter's guide.

Fronted adverbial and correct use of commas will be revised throughout this part of the term.

P4C/PSHE

Going for Goals

Children will think about themselves as learners and consider their own strengths and what they need to learn effectively. We will think about setting realistic goals for ourselves and will explore strategies to manage frustrations and understand the importance of persistence to achieve our goals.

MATHS

Please refer to the separate half termly Maths plans.

SPANISH

Following the scheme from *La Jolie Ronde*.

The children will be learning how to ask questions and respond to simple instructions, the months of the year and how to talk about what they like.

COMPUTING

This term children will be using and creating branching databases. They will search, create and use a branching database to organise, reorganise and analyse information.

They will explore some real-life examples of branching databases, such as keys for animal identification.

ART/D&T

Art

Children will make careful observations when drawing sea creatures. They will learn different techniques and use a variety of tools to create detailed sea creature sculptures with clay. Children will also learn how to create light and dark shades when painting with one colour.

DT

We will explore how the design of the submarine has changed over time and investigate how they function.

Children will work together to design and make their own submarine and then put them to the test!

Cedar Class

1st Half Term Spring 2018

The Blue Abyss

SCIENCE

Children will learn about and compare the lifecycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They look at how humans are helping endangered animals complete their lifecycle. Children will explore why some animals migrate and make incredible journeys as part of their lifecycle. Science week will see the children on a journey of exploration and discovery as they carry out a variety of investigations and look at the life and work of David Attenborough.

Scientific Skills:

Use secondary sources to research information.

Plan and set up an investigation.

Report and present findings using scientific vocabulary.

Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

RE

The term will begin by examining what it means to be Christian. This will include looking at aspects of Christian life such as; baptism and how these aspects may differ in various churches.

Following that we will be looking specifically at the Anglican Church and how churches can differ both internally and externally. We will examine how different Anglican churches conduct sermons, dress etc.

HUMANITIES

Geography

Children will use globes and atlases to identify and locate different oceans and seas. They will also understand the differences between the two. They will look at the different conditions of the 5 oceans such as size, depth and temperature and recognise geographical features found underneath our oceans such as mountains and volcanoes.

We will learn about the different layers of the ocean and will investigate what creatures live in each of the different layers and why.

History

Children will learn about the Royal Navy ship, *HMS Challenger* and the role it has played in oceanography. We will also find out about the inventor of the first submarine, Cornelius Drebbel.