

Year 4
Spring 2 2019
BUG FEAST



Bug Feast!

Sparkling Starter - Visit to Thorndon Park.



Fabulous Finish

Documentary film about bugs and plants including how to make a bug hotel.

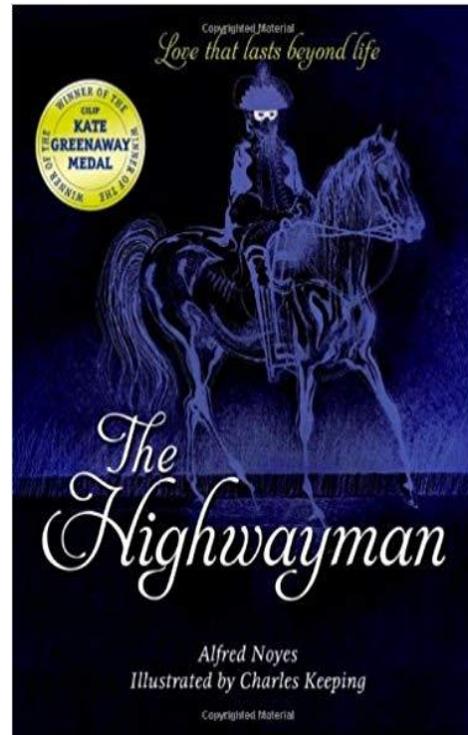
English

Class Texts:

Narrative poem: The Highwayman
Performance Poetry about nature
Free verse poetry about nature
Explanation text linked to butterflies

How can you help?

Read a variety of narrative and free verse poetry. Discuss the features of each poem type. Discuss what the poems are about.
Look at explanation texts-what are they explaining?
Visit to Laindon library and look for poetry books and explanation texts



We will be writing:

- *Rewriting the narrative poem 'The Highway Man'
- *Writing a free verse poem based on an aspect of nature
- *Explanation text about the life cycle of a butterfly

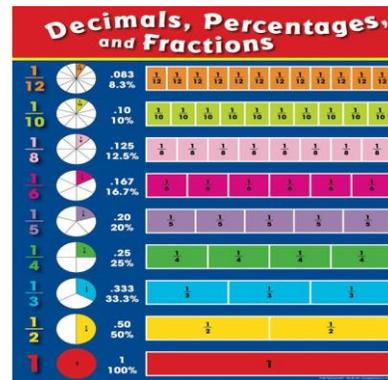
Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Children will also demonstrate the skills learnt in the week through big write.

Maths

Overview

- Fractions and Decimals



How do we plan?

We use The White Rose Maths Scheme of Learning alongside other material.



How can you help?

Please can you talk about fractions at home in everyday life e.g. Pizza slices

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhdw>

xnb Education City

<https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

Assessment

The children will sit a half termly test in arithmetic and reasoning. This will inform future planning and teaching.

Science

In Science we will be learning about the life of David Attenborough and his contribution to the world of nature. Alongside this we will be:

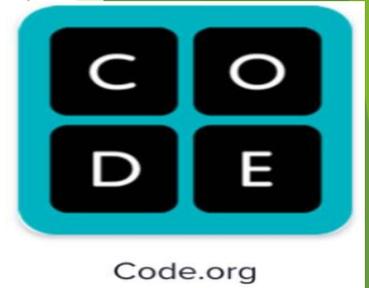
- *Recapping on classification from Autumn 1
- *Identifying plants/animals in the local area and wider world-plants
- *LEA consensus of plants around the school. Children will present findings in a PowerPoint
- *Environmental changes locally and within the wider world

How can you help?

- *Watch documentaries especially those presented by David Attenborough. What new facts can you find out at home? Write them down and bring them in to share with your classmates!
- *Identify living things around where you live
- *Visit Laindon library for research books on bugs and plants

Computing

In Computing, we will be coding using code.org. The children will be completing projects and using skills such as debugging.



Geography

In Geography, we will be studying the local area and a contrasting locality so the children can compare and contrast the localities. Children will:

- * Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations using photos/pictures/maps
- * Environmental change and the effects on landscapes



DT

In DT, we will be researching how we can encourage bugs into our local areas by designing and making bug hotels. Children will:

- * research for bug hotel
- * plan a bug hotel
- * design a bug hotel
- * prototype of bug hotel
- * make bug hotel
- * evaluate bug hotel



Music

In Music, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder. We will also be looking at a variety of theme tunes and composing our own.

PE

In PE, we will be developing our skills in dance. We will be sequencing movements to perform a dance.

French

In French, we will be following the Sálut programme, animals.



RE

In RE, we will be discussing the Easter story.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be discussing:

- *How we can work collaboratively
- *How we can care for our environment
- *What animals need-what are our responsibilities towards animals

Loving our environment



...and proud of it.

General Information

Diary Dates



- *25.02.19 Book week
- *28.02.19 Thorndon park trip
- *01.03.19 St David's day
- *06.03.19 Parents evening
- *07.03.19 Parents evening
- *02.04.19 Autism awareness day
- *05.04.19 Last day before half term
- *23.04.19 Return back to school

PE Days

CCh/CC: Tuesday/Wednesday
TR: Tuesday/ Wednesday
LD: Wednesday/ Thursday

Homework

Homework consists of: spelling and times table practice, a Maths activity or a reading comprehension.

Please ask your child to seek help from a member of staff if they are having difficulty with their homework

There is a homework club on Monday if your child needs support in completing their homework.

