



Hazel Class Y3/4 - Spring 1 2018



In **Literacy** we will begin by focussing on 'Performance Poetry'. We will study a number of poems and think about the poetic devices (rhythm, rhyme, onomatopoeia and assonance) and performance techniques (including pace, volume, diction, speaking in unison, movement and expression) that we will need to develop and refine in order to learn and perform these to the best of our ability © This work fits perfectly with our **Music** unit which is based on the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We will also be focussing on writing Diary Entries this half term and will create our own humorous pieces inspired by the extremely funny and entertaining 'Diary of a Killer Cat' series of books written by Anne Fine.

In **Numeracy** we will be focussing on Measurement including adding, subtracting and comparing units of length, mass and capacity. We will also be covering Time and some Geometry work on 2D and 3D shapes.

As **Geographers** we will be studying the Biomes of the World: Grasslands, Rainforests, Deserts, Aquatic and Tundra. We will learn about the climate and characteristics of each biome will also learn facts about the World Map including where different biomes are found; where different countries, along with other key places and landmarks, are located and about map features such as the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We will also learn about Ordnance Survey symbols and how to use grid references on a map. As **Scientists** we will focus on Habitats and will find out about the variety of plants and animals which live and co-exist within each of these biomes. We will use, and then create our own, classification keys to group and identify living things. We will also recap the function of different parts of flowering plants and trees and explore and describe the needs of different plants for survival.

As **Artists** we will create our own landscapes, using watercolours, to depict each of the World's Biomes. We will create a background using a colour wash and will also focus on incorporating reflections into our artwork. In addition to this we will create detailed observational drawings of a range of plants and flowers. As **Design Technologists** we will link our work to our **Science** and **Geography** units and will design and create our own 3D Biomes. As **Musicians** we will study the Music Express unit 'Environment' which focusses on the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough and focusses on the sounds of the world around us. It links well with our **Literacy** and **Geography** work and looks at comparing and contrasting the towns, villages and cities all around the world and both the human and physical characteristics of these. We will also listen to a range of music from around the World, including some National Anthems. We will work together to try to create our own 'Two Gates' National Anthem!!

In **Computing** we will be using the 'Pages' and 'Keynotes' apps on the iPad to design and create our own factsheets and presentations about the Biomes of the World. We will also be covering the unit 'We are Meteorologists'. In **P.E** we will be focussing on Gymnastics with a Specialist Teacher on Wednesdays. On Thursdays we will be rehearsing our dance for our upcoming performance at The Lawrence Batley Theatre in February. In **R.E** we will be looking at how beliefs are expressed through Art. In **PSHCE** we will be focussing on 'Going for Goals' and thinking about our personal challenges and aspirations.