

Year group: 5/6

Class: Birch

Term: Spring

English: We will be using the amazing 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick as our starting point for a variety of informal and formal writing. We will also be exploring traditional and modern poetry. We have started Destination Reader – a fantastic programme to develop high level reading skills. This will be delivered 4 times a week. Spelling, grammar and punctuation continue to be a daily exercise.

Maths: We will be delving deeper into fractions, decimals and percentages and exploring the relationship between all three. We will continue our learning on all 4 number operations – division is an area that really needs practice and support so any help at home is greatly appreciated.

Science: We will be learning about 'Animals including humans', 'Habitats' and 'Seasonal changes during the course of this term. We will be looking closely at the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians and insect; and also comparing them to each other. We will also be looking at how animals plants and even microorganisms are classified based on certain characteristics.

Computing: We will be exploring how algorithms work and using ICT to interpret data collected from light, temperature etc.

RE: We are looking at Sikh beliefs and the challenges that face a practicing Sikh in todays society.



Earth, Wind and Fire



Music:
Mr Hall is back to teach Birch this term.

History & Geography: We will be using 'Floodland' as inspiration for our research into climate change and its impact on our environment. We will also be exploring sustainable energy and what happens when raw materials are depleted. We will research the 1953 floods that had such a devastating effect on Snettisham and the surrounding area. We will also secure our knowledge of the Big 5 (oceans), the 10 main biomes and the Super 7 (continents). Destination: Planet Earth is a fantastic information book that will support our research.

Art and design: We will be exploring a range of environmental artists who celebrate nature and promote positive social change. These artists will include Olafur Eliasson, Naziha Mestaoui, Nils Udo, Richard Shilling, Mathilde Roussel, Andy Goldsworthy.

Design & Technology: We will be designing and making our own beeswax food wraps that we can then use to wrap our sandwiches in or for covering food at home. We will be using cotton fabric and food grade beeswax to make these re-useable, useful and environmentally friendly products.

MFL: In French the pupils were excited to receive their letters from pupils in Ecole Saint Gilles. We are planning to write back this term with lots of information about Snettisham and the facilities/services in the village. Please encourage your child to bring in any postcards, photos, brochures and even local recipes that we can send to our partner school.

PE: Edufit will continue with a games focus. We will also experience some OAA and problem solving where we will learn how to use a compass and enhance our understanding of angles in math.