



Morpurgo Class
Terms 5 & 6



Survival

Topic Title: Survival

As Scientists we will be learning what it means to survive. What is necessary for survival? Can we survive anywhere? What does it take to be a true survivor? We will begin by looking at the various habitats of different species of wildlife, how they can be grouped and how they survive in their ever changing landscapes. We will also learn from great human adventurers and survivors; Bear Grylls, Jo Gambi and Ernest Shackleton.

Our English, Geography and Computing work will link particularly closely with our topic, as well as the Bushcraft that will form part of our PE lessons and, of course, our residential trip after half term.

English

We will be using three very different texts to guide our English work this term. Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom* will get us thinking about desert island survival, leading to some story writing and creative descriptions. *Flotsam*, a picture book by David Wiesner will allow our imaginations to run wild, while *Bear Grylls' Mud, Sweat and Tears* will give us the opportunity to write non-fiction too.

Ms. Hollis will continue to teach us grammar each Thursday morning, which we will aim to apply in our Big Write. Weekly spelling tests will continue, with new words and spelling patterns.

In Art lessons we will be using a variety of materials and techniques to create collages and paintings linked to our topic, including of rainforests and volcanoes.

Maths

Our Maths foci this term will be shape, measures and statistics. As we do so we will continue on our journey from fluency, to reasoning and problem-solving. We will continue to embed our understanding of number, place value and calculation as we do so.

As always, our weekly times table tests will ensure that this important skill is practised and learnt.

Computing

Through applying our understanding of a range of software, we will learn what it takes to be weather forecasters. In doing so we will hone our presenting skills, having researched and analysed data, and written a script to follow. Working safely online will underpin all that we do.

RE & PSHE

'Inspiration' will be the theme of our RE work this term, as we consider how Christians of the Bible were inspired and what inspires Christians now.

In PSHE we will think about how to understand and managing our feelings, and how this can impact upon the choices that we make.

French

Our French work will also be closely linked with our topic as we learn to ask and answer questions about people, places and weather.

Geography

Our focus on physical geography will enable us to consider survival in a variety of environments, including rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.

After half-term we will use a variety of maps, including Ordnance Survey, to build our knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.

PE

Our PE, this term on a Friday afternoon, will include striking and fielding games, while bushcraft. Some of us will continue our fortnightly swimming sessions in Witney.